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Khaled receives American senator

RIYADH, April 15 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday received U.S. Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia. The meeting was attended by Defense Minister Prince Sultan, and Dr. Rashad Pharoan, the King's advisor.

Byrd arrived in the capital earlier Sunday. His visit is part of a tour he is making of the Middle East.

A member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Byrd Saturday conferred with the ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa in Manama.

Byrd also plans to visit Oman, North Yemen and Syria.



U.S. VISITOR: King Khaled confers with U.S. Senator Harry Byrd (center) who arrived in Riyadh Sunday. Byrd is making a tour of some Middle Eastern states. (SPA photo)

Israel claims raiders killed

Commandos attack Israeli settlement

BEIRUT, April 15 (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Sunday claimed responsibility for a raid on the Israeli settlement of Tzvi in the Beisan Valley, west of the Jordan River.

The Palestinian News Agency, Wafa, praised the commandos involved for the "heroic battle".

Military sources in Tel Aviv said earlier all four commandos in the raid had been killed by Israeli forces.

Wafa also reported a heavy artillery bombardment of the southern Lebanese port of Tyre and areas around it, apparently in reprisal for the commando action.

The agency said the bombardment by Israeli and right-wing Lebanese gunners lasted about one hour.

Wafa said the "general command of the Palestine revolution forces announces its responsibility for the heroic battle carried out by a command unit last night which

lasted until this morning in Tzvi in the Beisan Valley."

State-run Beirut radio and Wafa said the Israeli artillery bombardment started at 8.30 a.m. (0630 GMT). Wafa said the shelling lasted one hour.

The radio said Israeli gunboats accompanied by helicopters were patrolling off Tyre. Several Palestinian camps are located around the southern port, a frequent target for Israeli attack.

The shelling followed two days

of hostilities last week when Israeli aircraft attacked and flew at low level over Lebanese coastal areas while artillery duels erupted in the south. The attacks were made after the PLO claimed responsibility for a bomb attack in Tel Aviv's central market.

The Tzvi incident in the Jordan Valley is the latest sign of stepped-up Palestinian operations against Israel since the signing last month of the Israel-Egypt peace accord, which the PLO has rejected.

Britain recognizes Uganda's new regime, offers assistance

LONDON, April 15 (Agencies) — Britain Sunday announced its recognition of the new Ugandan government of President Yusef Lule.

The British broke off diplomatic relations with the regime of Field Marshal Idi Amin in July 1976 after he had expelled several British diplomats from Kampala.

Speaking in a BBC radio interview, Foreign Secretary David Owen said "the time has now come when we should be offering as much help as we can."

He said British diplomat Richard Posenett had flown to Uganda from Nairobi Sunday.

He will be making contact with the new government and that will be effectively an act of recognition," Dr Owen said.

"He will be charged with finding out what we can do to help. I think they are going to need a great deal of help from the Commonwealth countries."

Earlier Saturday Ethiopia became the fifth country to recognize the new leaders in Uganda.

Addis Ababa radio broadcast a government statement expressing solidarity and support for the new government.

Amin's action led to intensification of popular opposition to his regime and precipitated its overthrow, the broadcast added.

Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique and Botswana were the first countries to recognize the new government.

Meanwhile Uganda's new leaders Sunday stepped up their hunt for Amin after travellers from his native northwest Uganda said they thought they saw him there Saturday.

The travellers were a group of 20 Asian road construction workers who had been laying a tarmac surface on the road from the Albert Nile at Pakwach to Arua, capital of West Nile province where Amin was born.

They crossed into Kenya Saturday after being robbed of all their possessions on a harrowing journey through northern Uganda, which has not yet been reached by the Tanzanian-Ugandan army which captured Kampala last Wednesday.

They said they saw someone they took to be Amin in a Land-rover equipped with a radio transmitter at the village of Nebbi, close to the border with Zaire.

They said they could not tell exactly what the ousted president was doing but added they had seen fuel, military supplies and food being driven across the Pakwach bridge for weeks, possibly in preparation for a last stand.

They themselves had been unable to obtain any supplies in West Nile and had lived for two weeks on fruits from the forest or vegetables they could buy from

Dr. Yamani in Jordan

AMMAN, April 15 (Agencies) — Saudi Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani arrived here Sunday for talks with his Jordanian counterpart Adnan Abu Odeh.

Official sources said the talks during his one-day visit were expected to deal with co-ordination in the information field.

Earlier Saturday Dr. Yamani chaired a meeting of the Higher Council of Information in his capacity as the council chairman.

Following the meeting, Information Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja said the council "studied a number of issues and discussed the accurate and intensive approach toward explaining the different the accurate dimensions and the crucial stage through which the Arab nation is passing at present."

Dr. Khoja said the council reviewed a statute of control and the status of tape and video centers in the Kingdom. It also discussed ways to reorganizing these centers and held a discussion on the closed-circuit screening of films in hotels and hospitals, Dr. Khoja added.

The council recommended that these films be thoroughly and directly supervised by the Ministry of Information, the undersecretary said.

peasant farmers.

The report from the road engineers was broadcast by Uganda radio in Kampala where government sources indicated Saturday night the search for Amin was being intensified.

There was some speculation that he had fled the country after his "Mystere" executive jet was refuelled at the northern airfield at Soroti.

Observers said that although the small jet had sufficient range to reach Libya or Iraq, two countries which supported the field marshal, it may have refuelled and flown to Arua air field to stand by as a last resort escape route.

Lule told a press conference at state house Entebbe south of Kampala, Saturday that his troops were progressing steadily into the still "unliberated" areas of eastern and northern Uganda. He gave no details on how far they had got.

Government sources said last week that while the soldiers did what they could to help restore normal life in the capital, commando groups dressed in civilian clothes had already set off to hunt down Amin and bring him back alive.

All telephone and tele links between Uganda and the outside world were blacked out Saturday night.

Sunday morning Kenyan post office officials said there appeared

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Student unrest in Egypt

Egypt ousted from AFSED

KUWAIT, April 15 (Agencies) — Arab finance ministers meeting here decided Sunday to suspend Egypt's membership of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFSED), as President Sadat faced growing student unrest in protest against the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The AFSED decision was described as "punishment" for the treaty with Israel.

The Egyptian chief delegate, Undersecretary of Economy Midhat Abdul Aziz, protested the decision and walked out of the conference hall.

He told a news conference that the Arabs were "making the grave mistake of mixing politics with economics" and rejected the decision as "illegal and unjustified."

"We had anticipated the decision," he said. "But we decided to attend this meeting here to advise our Arab brothers to keep economic organizations out of the political disputes."

The decision was in line with a resolution adopted last month by Arab foreign and finance ministers in Baghdad, to punish Egypt for signing the U.S.-sponsored treaty with Israel.

Conference sources said the ministers also decided to remove Lebanon's Saeb Jorouli from the post of president of the fund, after several Gulf countries accused him of "pro-Egyptian tendencies." He was replaced by Syrian Economy Minister Muhammad Enadi.

The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has also scheduled a meeting here for Monday to discuss suspending Egypt's membership of the 10-member body.

President Anwar Sadat, meanwhile, declared "full discipline" will be restored at university campuses and that radical Muslim groups would not be allowed to

"abuse the country under the guise of religion."

Sadat issued his warning in a speech Saturday night to professors at Assiut University in upper Egypt, where published reports said police broke up a demonstration of about 5,000 students with tear gas last month.

The Egyptian leader's speech was the first official confirmation of unconfirmed reports about sporadic unrest on the campuses.

Fundamentalist groups have urged creation of an Islamic government and have opposed the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Sadat accused the groups of "trying to exploit youth, misrepresenting the facts and abusing the country under the guise of religion."

"Egypt will never allow attempts to distort its image abroad or at home and will not allow a misled handful of students

Findley reaffirms need for U.S. - PLO dialogue

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP) — The United States should immediately begin informal discussions with the Palestine Liberation Organization in order to prevent violence in the Middle East, an Illinois congressman urged Saturday.

"Now is the critical time, the ideal time, for the Carter administration to begin talks with (PLO chairman) Yasser Arafat," said Congressman Paul Findley, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East.

Last month, President Jimmy Carter said the United States, which has long refused dealings with the PLO, would work with the Palestinian movement if it accepts a U.N. resolution calling for recognition of Israel. PLO officials rejected that offer.

However, Findley said Arafat told him in a meeting last November that "he would give de facto recognition to the state of Israel, would live at peace with all his neighbors, and would renounce any and all forms of violence if an independent Palestinian state is established on the West Bank and Gaza with a connecting corridor."

Findley said he felt that pledge by Arafat was sufficient justification for the Carter administration to begin informal talks with the PLO.

"If we stubbornly and unwisely persist in our present policy of not talking, we are inviting extremist action," Findley said. "Quite clearly there is a struggle within the PLO today between those who want to come out with violence...and those who want to hold back in the hopes that some negotiations can develop. So we have the opportunity to break the ice, to hold back the tide of violence."

Findley met this week with Shafik al Hout, the head of the PLO's Beirut office, who is visiting in the United States.

Hout was granted a visa by the U.S. government to speak at several American universities. Under strict ground rules laid down by the State Department, he faces the possibility of expulsion if he allows himself to be quoted by name during his travels.

Findley said of the restrictions on Hout's visa: "It's excessive. It's absurd. It does not serve the interests of our purposes in the Middle East."

A document published by the magazine asserted that the United States had asked former Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem to help suppress religious groups.

Sadat called on the university officials to warn the student radicals that they could be expelled since it was the state that was paying for their education.

The Egyptian leader said that "nothing shakes Egypt, neither the communists nor the rejectionists" and "this applies to the movements which trade in religion."

Nine of the 13 student government members of the country's major universities are dominated by religious fundamentalist groups.

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As Taleghani leaves Tehran

Arrest of Ayatollah's family protested

TEHRAN, April 15 (Agencies) — Thousands of people demonstrated in downtown Tehran Sunday, protesting the arrest and detention of a prominent religious leader's family by revolutionary committee militiamen.

Earlier, the revolutionary council disclosed that two more "enemies of the people" were executed, raising the total to 126 killed since February.

Shot by a firing squad here was Tehran policeman Reza Yunesi, who was convicted of shooting and killing innocent persons.

A firing squad in Ardebil, in Iran's northwest region, shot retired Lt.-Col. Hojjat Amir-Fathi, for organizing pro-Shah gangs "and attacking homes, shops and innocent people."

The demonstrators, numbering between 4,000 and 5,000, rallied outside Tehran University on busy Shah Reza Avenue as groups of youths held scattered demonstrations throughout the capital.

The demonstrators carried banners and placards pledging

support for the Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, the 72-year-old religious leader of Tehran, and reportedly demanding the dismantling of Iran's revolutionary committee which run a parallel government to that of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Taleghani's two sons and a daughter-in-law were arrested Thursday and detained for 24 hours by unidentified committee members in Tehran. Local reports indicated they had been taken to Lavizan army barracks and possibly beaten during their captivity, but this could not be immediately confirmed.

Taleghani, one of the top religious leaders in Iran after the Ayatollah Khomeini, has apparently left the capital for an undisclosed destination.

A statement by his Tehran bureau, published Sunday, said Taleghani "was deeply hurt, both physically and mentally" over the incident and that his bureau was closing in protest against the "irresponsible elements and

illegal jails" in Iran.

Meanwhile, Iran's revolutionary public prosecutor, Mehdi Hadavi, Sunday banned all further arrests and house searches by revolutionary guards unless he himself gives permission.

The announcement was seen as a reaction to the arrests of Taleghani's sons.

Hadavi also called on the Iranian people to show forgiveness towards those political prisoners who are young or who face lesser charges than the well-known names already executed by revolutionary courts.

Experienced diplomats said they thought Hadavi's statement indicated the possibility of an amnesty for lesser political prisoners once the big names under the Shah's regime have been dealt with.

The immediate reasons for the arrest of Taleghani's sons could not be discerned, but there was speculation in the capital it may have resulted from rivalry between Khomeini supporters and followers of Taleghani, who is considered by many as a moderate and flexible leader.

Taleghani, imprisoned and tortured under the Shah, has acted as the revolutionary regime's trouble-shooter and helped diffuse the Kurdish rebellion last month by helping negotiate limited self-rule for the autonomy-minded tribesmen.

The official Pars News Agency said the unauthorized arrest of Taleghani's relatives resulted from "a misunderstanding."

Deputy prime minister and government spokesman Abbas

Amir Entezam Sunday called the detention of Taleghani's family "irresponsible" and added that the provisional government was neither informed of it or played a part in it.

"The government is very sorry about this incident," he said during his tri-weekly news conference.

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Iran raises oil prices, production

TEHRAN, April 15 (AP) — Iranian crude oil production has risen by over half a billion barrels a day to 4.7 million, and the National Iranian Oil Company announced Sunday that it was placing a \$ 1.90 surcharge on the price of a barrel of oil.

NIOC said the surcharge is retroactive from April 1 with new posted prices for a barrel of light Iranian crude standing at \$ 16.57. The new level is \$ 1.90 over prices posted by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

NIOC said Iranian heavy crude now sells for \$ 16.04 a barrel, which includes a 1.80 surcharge over OPEC prices.

About 700,000 barrels of the 4.7 million produced daily was destined for domestic consumption. It was the highest level of crude oil production since Iran resumed exporting March 5 after a

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Iran courts and revolutionary justice

By Richard Wallis

TEHRAN, April 15 (R) — The message on the gates of Tehran's Qasr jail is clear: "No one can ever forgive the corrupt of the earth."

Blindfolded and squeezed between heavily-armed guards, the hundreds of supporters of the Shah led through those green gates since last February's revolution never saw that message.

But the message underlines the justice they can expect to face inside. Already over 100 officials of the former government, including ex-premier Amir Abbas Hoveyda, dozens of generals and several former ministers have been executed.

The secret trials and executions have shocked many outside Iran and stunned a former ruling class inside the country, but the majority of Iranians have approved their leader Ayatollah Khomeini's verdict on the purge of the Shah's men.

Speaking a few days before the resumption of the executions earlier this month, the 78-year-old Ayatollah told the nation that those facing revolutionary courts were not political prisoners, but criminals who should have been shot as soon as they were captured.

For the Ayatollah and the millions who support him, those who have fallen before firing squads since the overthrow of the monarchy — whether politicians, military leaders, secret police agents or mere yes-men — were directly or indirectly responsible for the conduct of the Shah's administration.

What is going on now represents for those who triumphed in the revolution very much what the Nuremberg trials of war criminals or the executions of collaborators in France or Italy did for those who defeated the Nazis and Fascists in World War Two.

And they cannot understand why the West is making such a fuss

about the liquidation of the officials who kept the Shah's rule and the apparatus of torture and repression, going for so many years.

Western criticism of the new government's revenge has only fanned latent distrust here. At least one minister advised the families of prominent political prisoners that handing in a petition by clemency to the government signed by foreign dignitaries would seal the fate of their imprisoned relatives.

The new Iranian leadership stresses that it carried out an Islamic revolution and is proud of the fact its concept of justice is different from the accepted Western one.

The Paris-educated members of the government draw parallels with the French Revolution of 1789, saying that even the French made mistakes and that by French standards, the Iranian revolution has taken very few lives.

Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, 71, a former chairman of the Iranian Human Rights Defense Committee, was quoted as fully supporting the executions in a recent West German press interview.

Ayatollah Khomeini, in his last message before leaving Tehran to settle in the holy city of Qom 150 kms south of here last month, called on the people to feed prisoners properly and not to ill-treat them.

Theoretically, all those being executed now should be hanged. But given that there are no proper gallows, the bullet probably provides a far quicker death than the noose.

At least 1,300 prisoners accused of offences under the Shah's rule are awaiting trial in Qasr jail, large parts of which were burnt down during the revolution. Some 3,000 common law prisoners broke out of the abandoned jail during the "battle of Tehran" last February, but the government had by then released all political prisoners.

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Military service to be introduced during summer

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, April 15 — Compulsory military service will be introduced in the Kingdom in three months, according to Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

In a statement to "Al-Nadwa" in Tabuk Saturday Prince Sultan said he hoped that conscription would start this Ramadan, (July to August).

The Prince was visiting Saudi troops back from Lebanon where they served with the Arab Deterrent Force before being withdrawn last month.

In December last year the Chief-of-Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid had indicated that Royal Approval was expected shortly for the introduction of compulsory military service. It may be assumed that approval has now been granted.

Humaid said then that military service was a national obligation enforced in many countries. "It is no novelty," he said, "for Islam considers Jihad (Holy War) the duty of every capable Muslim."

Commenting on the Prince's statement, "Al-Nadwa" said in a front page editorial that the decision was quite proper in the light of the "critical circumstances in the Arab world today as it faces up to the conspiracy of the separate peace."

By announcing the introduction of the draft, the government of Saudi Arabia wants it to be known that time has come for the Arabs to mobilize all their human and material resources in the pursuit of their rights and goals, the paper said.

"Saudi Arabia has come to believe that rights are valueless unless they are backed up by force. Nor is it of any use to search for a just and lasting peace unless the Arabs are fully supported by a convincing military force."

Prince Sultan later returned to Riyadh Sunday after inspecting military units and utilities in Tabuk.



Prince Sultan

King sees African leader

RIYADH, April 15 (SPA) — King Khalid Sunday received Sierra Leone's Vice-President Sir Ibrahim Kroma, who is visiting the Kingdom.

Those present at the audience included Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, deputy governor of Riyadh and Dr. Rashad Pharaon, the King's special adviser.

Naif warns against mass foreign labor in Arab Gulf states

JEDDAH, April 15 — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif says that the import of foreign labor must only be temporary, as "the increase of foreign elements in any country on a large scale is a danger to the identity of that society and threatens its character."

But Prince Naif, in an interview with the Qatar News Agency published in "Okaz" Sunday, said that the volume of Asian manpower in Gulf states presented absolutely no threat to security.

There was already close coordination between Gulf states to protect oil and industrial installations, and he dismissed as rumors reports of sabotage in some countries.

To a question on whether there were any joint security plans to face Communist schemes and attempts to infiltrate the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula, the prince replied that joint defense against that must rest on cooperation and public and government awareness of the dangers of foreign ambitions.

He was confident that Muslim Iraq would transcend its temporary difficulties for the sake of the Islamic world and its own people.

Prince Naif said that moving from one Gulf country to another with a standard identity card must be preceded by specific measures and regulations, including finding such a regular card to replace passports.

He hailed security cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Iraq and said it was boosted by the special agreements signed between the two countries in civil defense, police, passports, exchange of experience on crime prevention and the framework for an extradition agreement.

In another interview quoted by the daily "Al-Medina," Prince Naif said that the Islamic Sharia was the main weapon for combating and preventing destructive ideologies and heresies.

The government of Saudi Arabia was striving to establish the foundations for freedom, justice and equality which were enjoined by Islam. "These qualities have been instrumental in the love and affection that bind the people in this country."

"Our country is foremost among those which work for world prosperity and fight poverty and ignorance," he said.

The Kingdom offers aid to Muslim minorities, Muslim associations and societies and has awarded numerous scholarships to Muslim students in order to fight ignorance, promote scientific learning and spread the Arabic language further afield.



MEETING: Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz meets French Ambassador to the Kingdom Michel Druze in Jeddah Saturday.

Under protocol

Chinese to aid running hospital

RIYADH, April 15 (Agencies) — Minister of Health Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi has said he signed a protocol during his recent visit to Taiwan under which China will assist in running one of the five new hospitals under construction in the Kingdom.

A technical committee would arrive in the Kingdom this week to study the practical steps for the opening of the hospital.

In a statement to SPA, the minister praised the cooperation between Saudi Arabia and China, especially in medicine. Chinese

officials had expressed their readiness to cooperate and to supply the Kingdom with Chinese doctors and technicians.

Dr. Jazairi said his ministry had contracted to employ 600 nurses from the Philippines, and that there was a committee in the Philippines that would arrange for another group of nurses to work in the Kingdom.

The minister returned from his Far East tour, which included a visit to Manila, last Thursday.

And CNA reported Sunday that a 12-member Chinese medical service mission led by Justine M.C. Fan, manager of the Veterans General Hospital (VGH), arrived in Jeddah Sunday to work at the new Jeddah Clinic.

The mission includes medical technicians, engineers and translators.

The Jeddah Clinic and National Yang Ming Medical College in Taipei reached an agreement last October calling for the dispatch of 86 medical experts, technicians, nurses and servicemen from VGH to Jeddah for administrative and



Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi

medical service.

The VGH is a teaching hospital for Yang Ming college.

Another 21-member group led by Chang Pao-chu, deputy director of the nursing department of VGH is scheduled to leave for Jeddah April 19. A third group of 32 led by Chang Ping, assistant chief of the ear, nose and throat department of VGH, and a fourth and last group are to come to Jeddah next month.

Wasia pipe contract let by minister

RIYADH, April 15 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Sunday signed an over SR 88.5 million contract with a specialized company to supply pipes and spare parts for the Wasia water project.

The minister had earlier signed contract for laying the 110-kilometer water pipe between Riyadh and the well and purification plant northeast of the capital.

The project will supply nearly 2 million gallons of purified round water for drinking to the capital daily, after it is completed in three years' time pumped from the Wasia aquifer.



CREDENCE: Hajji Qasimuddin bin Said Issa, the new Malaysian ambassador to the Kingdom, presents his credentials to Dr. Amman Karim Gaye, secretary-general of the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference, Saturday. The ambassador told Dr. Gaye Malaysia would continue to encourage and assist the OIC.

Oil discussed

Yamani sees Thai official

RIYADH, April 15 (SPA) — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani conferred Sunday with Thailand's Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs Sen Thorn Hong Ladarom.

He expressed Saudi Arabia's keenness in securing oil supplies to Third World countries at the price agreed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Ladarom arrived here last

Thursday on visit lasting several days.

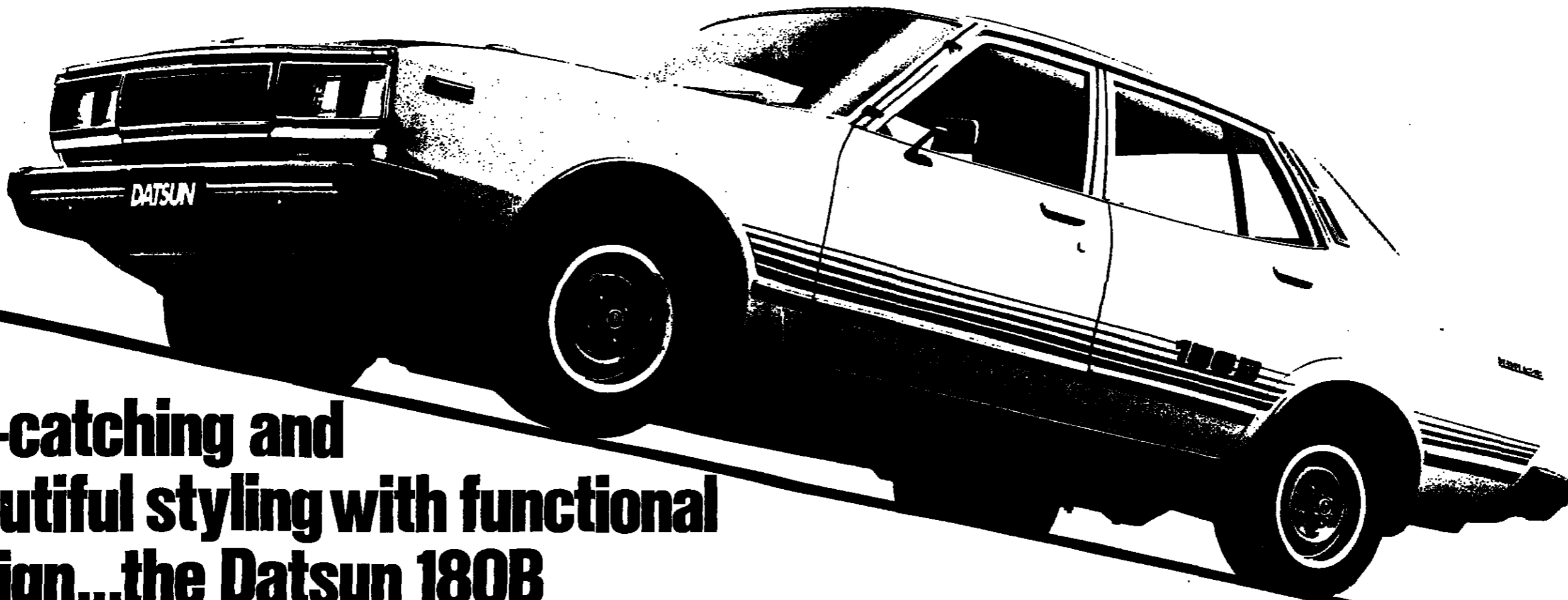
A dinner was given in his honor Saturday at Riyadh Water Tower by Minister of Commerce Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

The dinner was attended by Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaitar and officials from the Commerce Ministry.

Also Sunday Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh met Ladarom to discuss Thai assistance in agriculture.



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13 PNA ministers to withdraw from Zia's government

ISLAMABAD, April 15 (AP) — All ministers belonging to the Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) are expected to withdraw from the cabinet of Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq within the next few days, it was officially stated Sunday.

Of the cabinet's 20 full ministers, 13 belong to the PNA, a grouping of five political parties opposed to executed former

elections for the National Assembly and four provincial assemblies — the Punjab, Sind, Baluchistan and the northwest frontier — will be held Nov. 17.

The PNA claims that after having these two requests fulfilled, there seems to be points in staying in the cabinet.

Reasoning

PNA Chief Maulana Mufti Mahmood said Sunday, "This is the reasoning which prompted them to leave the cabinet, although Zia would have liked them to continue for the next few months more."

Zia, in any case, was to dissolve the present cabinet some months before the Nov. 17 elections to meet the demand of political parties outside the cabinet that such a step would be essential to ensure that elections are impartial.

All parties agree that the elections should take place under the supervision of the military and the judiciary to ensure impartiality.

Zia agrees

A PNA delegation led by Mahmood met Zia Sunday and expressed the desire that the ministers of alliance be allowed to withdraw from the cabinet. Official sources said Zia agreed, but asked the PNA ministers to continue in their jobs for the next few days.

That will give Zia time to make alternate arrangements and to ponder whether a new cabinet, mostly composed of technocrats and officials, is needed or not.

Voter support

Opponents of the PNA say the alliance was losing voter support because of its continued participation in the government, and the government's inability to solve many political and economic problems.

They say the PNA decided to leave the cabinet in order to avoid further erosion of voter support.

After leaving the cabinet, the PNA leaders and ministers will be free to undertake their political campaign in preparation for the November elections.



ATHENS: Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis (left), and Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou outside the premier's office last week prior to their talks on the Cyprus issue. Kyprianou returned home Friday from his five-day visit saying relations between Cyprus and Greece "are truly in an enviable state." (AP photo)

Cyprus minister accuses Denktash of indiscretion

NICOSIA, April 15 (R) — Cyprus Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis has accused Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash of indiscretion.

China reportedly rejected atomic request by Qaddafi

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP) — Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi sent an aide to China in 1971 in an effort to buy a nuclear bomb from the Peking government, a Washington columnist claims.

Cord Meyer, a former Central Intelligence Agency official who now writes a column, said Saturday the Chinese "were not willing to make the sale."

Meyer also claimed that in 1975 the Libyan leader asked Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to put together a group of Arab scientists to make an atomic bomb.

He said Saturday Denktash had published the text of a memorandum to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim despite Waldheim's request for secrecy.

Rolandis said publication of the note outlining Turkish-Cypriot views on intercommunal talks could prejudice the climate of a meeting between Denktash and President Spyros Kyprianou scheduled for May 15.

Waldheim arranged the meeting which is intended to see if the intercommunal talks, stalled for two years, can be resumed.

Earlier Friday, President Kyprianou ended a five-day visit to Greece saying relations between Cyprus and Greece "are truly in an enviable state."

Kyprianou said his talks with Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis were particularly useful "in view of the forthcoming meeting between me and the Turkish Cypriot leader T.Raouf Denktash."

Intense movements by rightist militias reported in S. Lebanon

METULLAH, Israel, April 15 (Agencies) — Israeli residents close to the Lebanese border Saturday reported intense activity by rightist militia forces in South Lebanon, Israeli newsmen said.

They said they saw tanks and troop carriers moving into defensive positions in the rightist-controlled areas of Israel's neighbor.

There was no official explanation for the reported activity.

Meanwhile, Israel radio said Saturday that a second victim has died of wounds suffered when a commando bomb exploded last week in a crowded Tel Aviv market.

The radio said that six of the 33 persons injured in the blast last Tuesday remain hospitalized.

The dead woman was identified as 75-year-old Carlotta Greenfield of Tel Aviv.

Israeli Air Force jets bombed two Palestinian camps in southern Lebanon hours after the bomb went off, though a military communique did not call the attack a retaliatory raid.

The woman's death brought to eight the number of Israelis killed in the 11 commando explosions set off since Jan. 1.

In a separate development, an Israeli military spokesman said Saturday that windows have been smashed and walls damaged by submachine gun fire in an airfield at El Arish which Israel is to hand back to Egypt when it begins its

withdrawal from northern Sinai. The spokesman said reserve soldiers were believed to be responsible for the damage and the Israeli Air Force had ordered an investigation to discover their identity.

Everything would be done to repair the damage and ensure that the base was handed back to Egypt in good condition, the spokesman said.

A small unit of reserve soldiers guards the airfield and is relieved regularly.

Atherton said replacing Eilts as Cairo envoy

Cairo, April 15 (AP) — Egypt's official news agency has reported that roving U.S. Ambassador Alfred Atherton will replace Hermann Eilts as ambassador to Cairo.

In a dispatch from Washington, the Middle East News Agency said it had learned Eilts had informed U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance that he wished to retire and work as a professor at Boston University beginning next September.

Eilts has been ambassador since the United States restored relations with Egypt in 1974. Atherton played a key role as mediator between Egyptian and Israeli negotiators during the 16-month peace treaty talks.

Egypt, Israel ministers plan talks on oil fields

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R) — Israeli and Egyptian energy ministers will meet in Sinai on Tuesday to start negotiations on Israel's evacuation from oil fields there under the peace treaty between the two countries.

The deputy director-general in the Israeli Energy Ministry, Ami Ben-Basat, said Sunday Israeli Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Egypt's Ahmad El-Zein would meet in Abu Rudeis, a rich Sinai oil field evacuated by Israel in 1975 following the interim agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The two officials would then travel to the site of the Alma oil wells further to the south to discuss the handover.

The peace treaty called for the return of the fields to Egypt in seven months. Ben-Basat said several aspects of the matter were still open, such as whether Israel would evacuate its drilling and pumping gear from the area or sell it to the Egyptians.



MALTA: A Nimrod aircraft of the Royal Air Force flies in salute over HMS London, as she lies at anchor in Malta's Grand Harbor on April 1, prior to her departure (bottom), at the end of 180 years of British military presence in Malta. (AP photo)

Two killed as gunmen storm Istanbul hotel

ISTANBUL, April 15 (AP) — Four armed men stormed a small hotel in a low-income neighborhood and hurled a home-made grenade into the lobby Saturday, killing two persons and critically wounding another, police said.

They said two gunmen entered the Baswk Hotel in the Celiktepe district, firing submachine guns. Two accomplices, who were waiting in the lobby, ransacked the cash register and took 100,000 Turkish liras (\$ 4,000).

Before leaving the hotel, the gunmen detonated an explosive device, police said. The hotel manager and a guest were killed by the explosion.

Politically motivated violence continues unabated in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, despite the martial law imposed last December. On Saturday two policemen and two alleged leftwing terrorists were killed in a shootout on the Asian side of the city.

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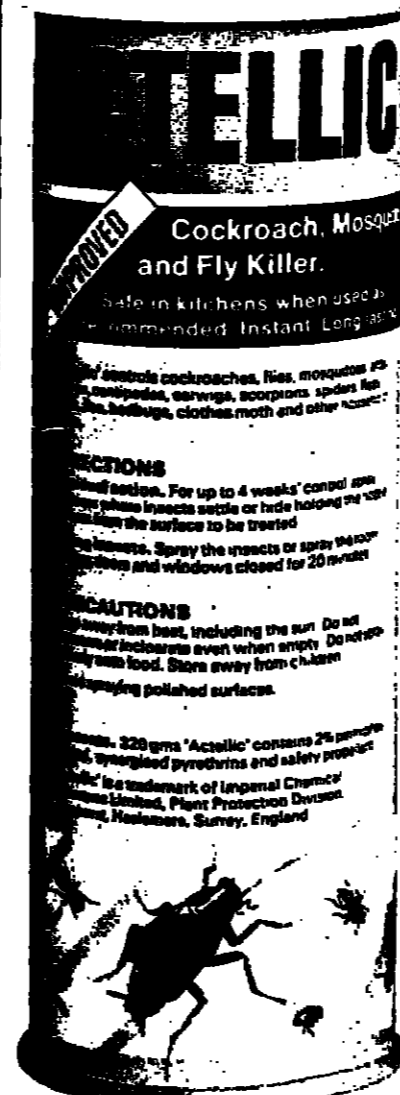
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50,000 Cambodians flee to Thai border

BANGKOK, April 15 (Agencies) — More than 50,000 Cambodians and Khmer Rouge troops are trapped in a 50-kilometer strip of land running parallel to Thailand's eastern border, Thai officials said Sunday.

They said plans by these Cambodians to move to the guerrilla strongholds of former Premier Pol Pot in southwest Cambodia appeared to have been blocked by Vietnamese-led offensive in Battambang Province.

Officials said that among the 50,000 Cambodians massed near the border were a few thousand Khmer Rouge troops trying to prevent the civilians from breaking away to escape to this country.

They believed, however, that a massive exodus of refugees to Thailand was imminent as the Vietnamese-led forces gradually closed in on them.

Prime Minister Kriangsak Chamanand said Saturday his government would follow a humanitarian policy by accepting civilians and driving back fleeing troops.

Small Number

Thai authorities in the past

Romania signs 20-year treaty with Angola

BUCHAREST, April 15 (AP) — Romania and Angola Saturday signed a 20-year treaty of friendship and cooperation as Nicolae Ceausescu ended his visit to Angola Sunday for talks with President Agostinho Neto.

The two countries also signed an agreement on cooperation in education, science and culture and protocol on cooperation in agriculture.

In a joint communique the two presidents renewed the call for economic boycott measures against South Africa, "particularly with regard to oil exports," in accordance with U.N. resolutions.

They also denounced "the assistance given to the Pretoria racist regime, particularly the technical means of manufacturing nuclear weapons."

According to the communique, the two presidents condemn "the illegal occupation of Namibia by the Pretoria racist regime and the use of this territory... as a basis for armed attacks against the People's Republic of Angola."

Ceausescu and Neto rejected the so-called internal settlement in Rhodesia "which aims at establishing a neo-colonial regime and at hindering the fulfillment of the main goal of the struggle of the Zimbabwe people — namely the gaining of genuine independence."

Reports from Khartoum said Ceausescu will also pay an official visit to Sudan on his current tour of Africa.

week have sent back large groups of armed Khmer Rouge and refugees fleeing the fighting near the border. Only a small number have been admitted on humanitarian grounds.

Officials at the Thai eastern border town of Aranyaprathet said refugees seeking to enter

Peking guests hear songs of Sihanouk

PEKING, April 15 (R) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia crooned his own songs into a microphone and members of the Peking Symphony Orchestra played jazz Saturday night at the first royal ball held in the Chinese capital for at least 68 years.

About 250 revellers — Chinese, diplomats and correspondents — danced the night away in celebration of the Cambodian new year.

The ball was given by the prince, a former Cambodian leader now exiled from his homeland, in the gymnasium of his spacious residence in central Peking. It was thought to be the first royal gala evening in the city since the overthrow of the last imperial Chinese dynasty in 1911.

Prince Sihanouk's personality, and his music, dominated the seven-hour ball. He composed 26 of the 40 numbers played.

Backing the crooning host was a 16-member band put together from the symphony orchestra and playing jazz in public for the first time.

The Chinese government is playing host to Sihanouk and his wife, Princess Monique, as well as to representatives of the Pol Pot government overthrown in Cambodia. The prince now refuses to have anything to do with the Pol Pot group.

Princess Monique said she had not been out dancing since her husband was overthrown in 1970 by the American-backed Lon Nol regime in Phnom Penh.

U.S. concerned that Soviets may establish Vietnam bases

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP) — The State Department said Saturday that two Soviet long-range reconnaissance planes have been spotted at the Da Nang air base in Vietnam and said it would be "deeply concerned" if Russian planes and ships started using Vietnam bases regularly.

The planes were Tupolevs of the type referred to by the U.S. Air Force as "Bears," American officials said.

State Department press officer Mary Ann Bader said, "We would be deeply concerned if Soviet air or naval craft established a pattern of regular operational use of bases in Vietnam."

She added that she was not in a position to speculate about the

Thailand were breaking up into small groups of five to 10 to avoid detection when they crossed the frontier.

This complicated the task of Thai security forces keeping watch on the border.

The latest clashes between the opposing forces were reported

about 14 kilometers south of the Cambodian border town of Poipet.

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U.S., Russians end 7-week talks on chemical war

WASHINGTON, April 15 (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union said Sunday a seven-week round of talks in Geneva on prohibiting chemical warfare had been useful and negotiations would resume at a later date.

In a joint statement, the two countries said the talks were aimed at achieving the earliest possible completion of a joint initiative to be presented to the Geneva committee on disarmament.

"The goal of the negotiations is the achievement of an agreement which would provide for a complete, effective and verifiable prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons, as well as providing for the elimination of accumulated stockpiles of such weapons," they said.

"The meetings which took place were useful. The delegations continued to work on bringing together their respective positions on many of the issues related to a joint initiative."

The round began on Feb. 21 and ended on April 12. It was the ninth in a series that started in August, 1976.

At least five killed in floods in southern U.S.

JACKSON, Miss. April 15 (R) — At least five people were killed and 2,000 evacuated after floods in several southern states caused by unusually heavy spring rains.

Jim Maher, chief planner of Mississippi's Civil Defense Office, said Saturday the fatalities included a four-year-old girl in Jackson and three teenage sisters in Louisville, Mississippi, about 180 miles (250 km) northeast of Jackson.

In Rome, Georgia, about 60 miles northwest of Atlanta, police said a 42-year-old man died when his car was swept off a highway by floodwaters. Flash flooding of streams and rivers forced some 30 people to evacuate their homes in Atlanta.

Flooding of northern Mississippi forced about 900 families to leave their homes in Columbus, Maher said.

Treason charge 14 years later Vietnam vet mourns lost youth

ADAMS, Ind. April 15 (AP) — Sixteen years ago Robert Russell Garwood dropped out of high school and enlisted in the Marines, ready "to step out into the world." Now he is home again, his youth gone and his dreams shattered by allegations that he helped the enemy.

Garwood, called "Bobby" by his family and friends, spent almost 14 of those years in the hands of the Vietnamese. But when he returned to this rural, southeastern Indiana community on a 30-day convalescent leave, there was no hero's welcome.

"I was a gung-ho Marine. You have me an order and I did it," he said in an interview last week. "I guess I believed too much in the U.S. government, that everything it did was right."

Garwood, a lanky man with deep-set, dark eyes, was born April 1, 1946 in Greensburg, Indiana, the first son of Jack and Ruth Garwood. They lived a few miles down the road in nearby Adams until his parents divorced when Garwood was 4. Jack Garwood was given custody of Bobby and his younger brother, Don.

At 17, Garwood dropped out of high school during his sophomore year to join the Marines. Since he was underage, his father had to grant permission and he did so reluctantly.

"My old man, he was worried that I couldn't take it. The Marines are the toughest outfit and I wasn't really what you'd call a tough guy," he said with a chuckle. "I was ready to prove to my old man that I was ready to step out into the world."

Garwood completed his basic training in California and from there went to Okinawa where he spent about eight months before he headed to Vietnam for what was supposed to be a two-month tour of duty.

He said he had only 10 days left in his tour when he was captured by 30 or 40 enemy soldiers who surrounded his jeep.

"They pointed their guns almost point-blank at me... I dove out of my jeep on the ocean side and started shooting," he said. "I got one of them right between the eyes. I didn't even aim. I shot another one in the stomach. They got me twice in my right arm — you can still see the scars. Then I lost my weapon and rolled under the jeep. That's when they captured me."

"The first day, I was able to walk. The second day, they had to carry me. I was too weak. I had lost too much blood," he said, noting that his wounds went unattended for three days.

Because of the charges against him, Garwood said he is reluctant to talk specifically about what happened to him during the 13½ years after his disappearance on Sept. 28, 1965. Other U.S. pris-



FATHER AND SON: Marine Pfc Robert Garwood, suspected of collaborating with the Vietnamese after his capture 14 years ago, lights his father's cigarette while on a recent visit to his home in Adams, Indiana. (AP photo)

oners of war have claimed Garwood defected to the Vietnamese.

In February, a House committee leveled charges of defection and collaboration against Garwood. Rep. G.V. Montgomery, (D-Miss.) said his committee on POWs and those missing in action had information that Garwood was a defector who led North Vietnamese units against U.S. patrols.

"The defector was observed by American captives and was seen to bear arms with the enemy, and to participate in interrogation of other American prisoners of war," the committee report said. Montgomery said Garwood was the defector mentioned.

After the announcement of Garwood's return, the State Department said other American prisoners "reported to us after their release that Mr. Garwood had voluntarily stayed behind in Vietnam."

Garwood disputes claims that he remained in Vietnam of his own accord, saying, "Can anybody who's ever grown up in America actually believe I volunteered to stay in that god-forsaken country?"

Several months ago, he slipped

a note to an unidentified foreign traveler in Hanoi. It said, "I am an American in Vietnam. Are you interested?"

The traveler contacted the U.S. government and the wheels were slowly set in motion for Garwood's release — the first POW to leave Vietnam since more than 500 American GIs were freed in 1973.

In March, when Garwood stepped off the plane at Bangkok after leaving Vietnam, he was informed of the charges against him: soliciting American combat forces to throw down their weapons and refuse to fight; attempting to cause insubordination; disloyalty and refusal of duty among fellow prisoners of war; suspicion of desertion in time of war; unlawful dealings with the enemy and misbehavior while a prisoner of war.

If tried and convicted of all charges, Garwood could be sentenced to death — a penalty not imposed on a Marine since before the turn of the century.

Garwood said he is now disillusioned. "I spent 14 years in Vietnam. Those were my youth years. They're gone. I'll never get them back. I spent half of my life over there. For who? who'll explain it to me?"

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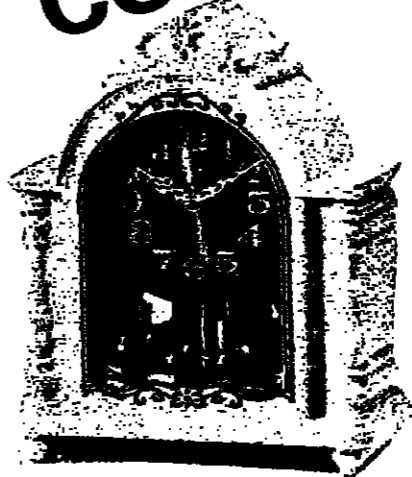
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Rhodesians raid Zambia for fourth time in week

SALISBURY, April 15 (R)—Rhodesian aircraft raided guerrilla targets in Zambia for the fourth time in a week as part of fierce ground and air assaults to protect general elections this week.

Brezhnev seen in public after influenza attack

MOSCOW, April 15 (AP)—Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has made his first public appearance in more than three weeks, showing up at the official opening of the World Hockey Championships.

Late last month Brezhnev came down with a case of influenza which forced the cancellation of a scheduled summit visit, set to start March 29, by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The Giscard trip has now been rescheduled for April 26-28.

Brezhnev showed up Saturday evening at Moscow's Lenin Stadium and sat in a special box with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin and Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov.

Military headquarters announced the raid Saturday shortly after military chief, Lt. Gen. Peter Walls, said Rhodesia was on the offensive against guerrillas who have pledged to disrupt the elections. The poll will give Rhodesia its first black majority government.

He told a press conference, "You can't sit back and allow people to punch you. The allow form of defense is attack—some of our people are on hunting and killing operations."

The general confirmed that his troops had penetrated the Botswana city of Francistown and kidnapped people belonging to the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.

Botswana announced that black troops dressed in Botswana defense force uniforms had captured 14 people in a house occupied by members of Joshua Nkomo's ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union) movement Friday.

Rhodesian commandos raided Lusaka, the Zambian capital, Friday and destroyed Nkomo's home.

The air raid Saturday was

against a Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) base at Mulungushi about 160 kilometers north of Lusaka. It had been bombed earlier last week.

During the raids last week to preempt guerrilla attacks to sabotage the elections, the Rhodesian forces sank a ferry linking Zambia with Botswana across the Zambezi River, alleging the craft was used to carry guerrilla supplies.

Walls said Friday's commando raid into Lusaka was not aimed at assassinating Nkomo. "Our record shows that if we wanted to kill Mr. Nkomo, we would have done so," he said.

"We were striking at the command and control organization and logistics. There was no question of us striking at Nkomo," he said.

Rhodesia is putting about 100,000 black and white, regular and irregular troops into the field to protect the five days of polling, starting Tuesday.

About 2.8 million blacks are franchised to vote for black members of the country's first black-dominated parliament. The 28 white seats in the 100-seat assembly have already been secured by Prime Minister Ian Smith's Rhodesian Front Party.

Three killed in Ireland shell blast

DUBLIN, April 15 (AP)—Three teenagers have been killed in the explosion of an artillery shell they had been playing with in an army firing range, police say. Others have been injured, four seriously.

Police said a group of 30 teenagers from a Dublin youth club were hiking across the Glen of Immal, an artillery range about 30 miles south of Dublin, when the explosion occurred.

The range is a restricted area closed to the public, but it is a popular place for picnics on weekends when no target practice is held.

The Rev. Kevin Lyon, a local parish priest and one of the first on the scene, told reporters the teenagers had found a number of mortar and anti-tank shells and were playing with them.

"They decided to see what they could do with them and they threw one of the shells against a rock and it exploded," he said.

The result was "too horrible to describe," he added, with some of the children losing arms and legs in the blast.

Two 13-year-old boys were killed instantly and a 12-year-old boy died of his wounds in a hospital, police said.

They said one of the boys in the group ran three miles for help. He told rescue workers the club members had carefully avoided areas with red flags put up by the army to mark unexploded shells, but he said he had not seen any flags at the scene of the explosion.

Rescue teams had to carry the dead and wounded on stretchers across rough terrain to the nearest road. The most seriously injured were evacuated by helicopter to Dublin hospitals.

Singer Ronstadt didn't go along on Tanzania trip

NAIROBI, April 15 (AP)—California Gov. Jerry Brown has left for neighboring Tanzania while his friend Linda Ronstadt has stayed behind in Kenya. Ms. Ronstadt, who was thought by some officials to have gone to Dar es Salaam with Brown, spent the day at her Nairobi hotel with friends. She was expected to fly to London Sunday.



TORNADO HITS: Workers sift through the rubble of an auto body shop in Lawton, Okla., after a tornado hit the city last Tuesday. At least 50 people were then reported dead in Oklahoma and Texas. (AP photo)

U.S. sees 'spy' case as bid by Pretoria to cover scandal

WASHINGTON, April 15 (Agencies)—The United States is waiting to see how its "spying" row with South Africa would unfold as U.S. officials insisted that Pretoria's aim was to deflect attention from domestic political problems.

But the officials acknowledged that the crisis in relations could spell disaster for U.N.-led efforts to negotiate the independence of Namibia (South West Africa) with

the South African government. South Africa announced last week that three military personnel were being expelled for alleged spying from U.S. Embassy plane fitted with a camera.

Washington retaliated Friday by ordering the expulsion of two South African defense attaches at their country's embassy here.

Official spokesmen would say little about the matter, but pri-

vately senior officials closely connected with African policy reacted angrily. One official said: "they knew damned well what was going on."

U.S. officials fear that South Africa, which initially went along with United Nations independence plans for Namibia, is about to back out and instead pursue its own independence plans for the territory.

Nicaraguan forces winning control of most of disputed city

MANAGUA, April 15 (AP)—National Guardsmen have won control of most of Esteli, but have encountered scattered pockets of leftist guerrilla resistance in their sweep through the city.

Reporters stopped at a National Guard outpost on the outskirts of the city along with a 16-vehicle Red Cross convoy Saturday could hear scattered gunfire answered by occasional bursts of machine gun fire.

However, it appeared many of the more than 400 guerrillas who took the city April 7 had gotten away.

Col. Aquiles Aranda Escobar, the guard spokesman, said in Managua the guard had full control of Esteli and it was open to reporters and the Red Cross. He said the guard allowed the guerrillas to flee to avoid a battle that could have killed many civilians and damaged property.

However, the Red Cross car-

van was refused permission to enter the city by the guard commander in Esteli, Col. Vicente Zuniga.

"The colonel said the Red Cross compound was still guerrilla territory," said Ismael Rios, president of the Nicaraguan Red Cross who led the caravan.

Several thousand refugees have fled the town since the fighting began last Saturday when guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front attacked and seized large parts of the city.

"I saw 21 bodies in one block," said one refugee. "It was an entire Sandinista squad. They just riddled with bullets."

Paul Schoch of Geneva and president of the International Red Cross Committee, was allowed to enter the city while National Guardsmen began searching the remaining vehicles and medical supplies, a process which took more than an hour.

Somoza says he may live in U.S. after term over

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. April 15 (AP)—Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza has said he would return home Monday but may come to the United States to live after his term expires in 1981.

Somoza Saturday denied speculation that he might not go back to his country and says his people are behind him. He has no intention of stepping down before 1981, he said.

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ANTI-NUKE: A demonstrator wears an Uncle Sam costume and holds an American flag and an anti-nuclear sign during a large rally in front of the San Francisco City Hall recently. Already the damages claims resulting from the recent accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor are running to over \$1 million. (AP photo)

A-plant radiation claims run to over \$1 million

HARRISBURG, Pa. April 15 (AP)—More than \$1 million has already been paid out to 2,800 families for claims arising from the nuclear accident at the Three Mile Island plant near here.

An actual nuclear disaster, however, would bankrupt the country's 22-year-old nuclear insurance system.

Officials in Hampden Township, Pa. estimated Sunday that property within a 32-kilometer, five-county radius of the disabled nuclear plant is worth over \$5 billion, not including tax-exempt lands and buildings.

That's more than 70 times the \$560 million provided for in the Price-Anderson Act, a three-tiered insurance system implemented in 1957 when the first nuclear reactors were being licensed. Under the act, liability claims of up to \$140 million are covered by about 250 mutual and stock insurance companies in two

pools run by American nuclear insurers and mutual atomic energy liability underwriters.

If claims go over 140 million dollar mark, each of 67 licensed reactors in the country are assessed \$5 million, swelling the available coverage by \$335 million to \$475 million.

A provision in the act permits Congress to appropriate additional funds if claims come to more than \$560 million.

Ron Vinson, a spokesman for American nuclear insurers, said claims arising from the Three Mile Island accident won't even come near the point of assessing other reactors or dipping into federal funds.

"The only thing you did have was releases of small amounts of radiation that were vented off while they were trying to bring the reactor under control. We haven't actually suffered contamination of any areas, or any bodily damage that we know of," he said Friday.

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Oil strategy

By Jihad Khazen

LONDON —

The oil prices chaos of recent weeks, underlined by the panic buying at Rotterdam where prices were pushed to an unprecedented \$22 per barrel this month, is causing deep anxiety among consumers and certain producers. Unless discipline is reintroduced, a free-for-all situation will develop and both producers and consumers may suffer irreparable damage.

Up till now, the producer most qualified to play the game has refrained from rocking the boat further, but the abnormal situation obviously cannot continue.

Owing to the difficulty of the subject, it may be best to treat it chronologically. (The article leaves out Socialist camp producers and consumers).

Before 1973, OPEC's share of the world oil market stood at 31 million barrels a day. After 1973 this share dropped to 27 million in view of the elasticity of demand and the 1975/76 world economic recession, and only climbed back to 30 million in 1978.

Many factors combined to bring about this situation, the most important being the large price increases in October and December, 1973, January 1974, October 1974 and September 1975 when prices were increased by a further 10 per cent.

The producers, in fact, got more for their oil because at the same time they increased taxes on oil companies from 55 to 85 per cent.

Against this backdrop of steep price hikes, the industrialized states imposed restrictions on consumption while an indigenous production developed. North Sea oil jumped over the million barrels a day mark and now stands at about 1.5 million a day while Alaska oil is now near 2 million barrels a day.

The OPEC members sought the price increases and welcomed them but the sudden fall in demand surprised some producers.

Before 1973, the average increase in demand was an annual 7 per cent, but after 1973 that rate dropped to 2-3 per cent and caught countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Nigeria while they were planning to increase production.

Saudi Arabia did not care much about the drop in demand but Iraq, Nigeria and even Iran after it resumed production needed to sell more oil. This situation created a struggle inside OPEC and the big powers exerted various forms of pressure to serve their own interests.

At this stage, it may be recalled that Saudi production in August 1973 stood at 9.3 million barrels a day but it dropped to 8.5 in September. Saudi Arabia used this last figure as a base for production and it is still operative.

(Saudi oil is used as the marker crude in setting oil prices and the prices of other crudes are calculated around the Saudi figure allowing for a very small margin up or down).

At any rate, the disagreements over prices and shares of the world market blew into the open at the December 1976 OPEC conference when Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates opted for a five per cent increase against 10 per cent by the other 11 producers. The dispute was solved after Saudi Arabia and the UAE increased their prices to the 10 per cent margin and the others cancelled a further increase of five per cent planned for July of that year. Saudi Arabia at the time increased production by about 1.5 million barrels a day to prove its dominance.

The Iran affair has underlined the vulnerability of economic conditions in the West. Iran produced 5.9 million barrels a day before the troubles started. But the upheaval in the world market was not caused by anything near 5.9 million. In fact, only one million barrels a day were missing in the end — a situation that has gone unnoticed by many people.

Iran sold 5 million barrels of crude a day. To make up for the loss, extra oil was produced by Saudi Arabia (one million), Iraq (1.5 million), Nigeria (0.5 million), Venezuela (0.4 million) and others (0.5 million) or about 4 million barrels a day. So only one million barrels a day was lost through the Iranian situation.

But the market was further strained by a very hard winter which pushed consumption by 500,000 to one million barrels a day. The total shortage thus stood at 1.5 to 2 million.

The consumers dipped into their stockpiles to make up for the loss and the stockpiles suddenly fell from about 73 days to 61 days.

The fall in strategic stockpiles sparked the price fever which saw crude being sold at \$22 per barrel at Rotterdam. The market was further strained by the fact that demand always increased in the last three months of the year in view of the cold winter and in anticipation of the new year increases.

At any rate, the Rotterdam situation requires some explanation. There are several ways of deciding prices:

- the spot market price is the price governing on deal.
- contract price covers what is called third party contracts which may be for two or three years or more,
- multinational company prices.

The spot market price is very sensitive. In times of surplus the price of crude may drop by as much as 20 and even 25 cents a barrel while at times of shortages it may increase by as much or more.

Normally, the spot market is about 1.5 million barrels a day. But after the cut in Iranian production, countries like Iraq and Nigeria which increased their production preferred to sell in the spot market to achieve the highest prices. Libya and Iran later followed (after Iran resumed production) and the spot market shot up to four million barrels a day.

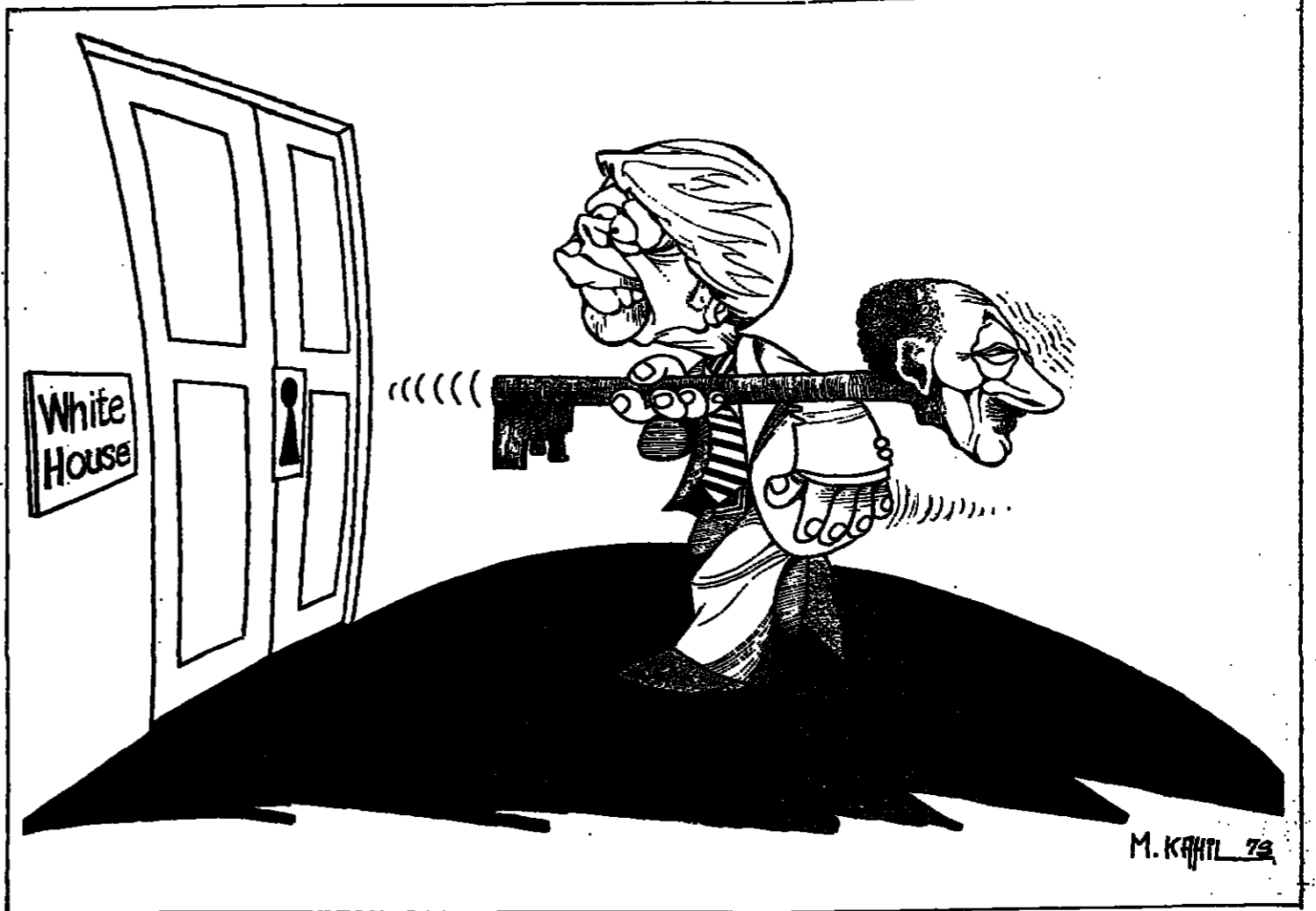
(As some multinationals like Texaco and Social also sold in the spot market it is necessary to explain where they obtain their extra crude. This happens because contracts include a flexibility margin of, say, about 10 per cent and the company is able to buy 10 per cent more or less, depending on its needs. So companies began asking for the maximum under their contracts and selling the difference in the spot market).

At the recent Geneva OPEC conference prices were increased from \$13.33 per barrel to \$14.54. As the price chaos set in, countries like Saudi Arabia saw their oil sold on the spot market by companies and individuals making at times 100 per cent profit.

For prices to remain within the limits of reason, the following conditions must be met:

- 1 Industrialized nations must reduce consumption by one to two million barrels a day by June.
- 2 Iran must continue to produce about four million barrels a day.
- 3 President Carter must score some success in his energy program.
- 4 Countries like Iraq and Nigeria must continue to produce the extra oil that they have been producing since the beginning of the Iranian crisis.
- 5 The industrialized nations must not attempt to stockpile more than their regular needs.

The absence of any of the above factors, especially the first, second and fourth, will be enough to bring irresistible pressure for an oil price increase in June.



Japan preparing 'gifts' for the West

By Robert Whyman

It is an agreeable Japanese custom that the host of a reception or party rewards his guests for attending by providing them with gifts.

With Japan hosting the seven nation economic summit this June, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has the onerous job of deciding what gifts to hand out to quell the West's annoyance at Japan's huge trade surplus, and ensure a happy summit. The spirit of giving, it must be said, is blunted by the attempts by the United States and Europe to squeeze trade concessions out of Japan before their leaders gather in Tokyo — a crude blackmail to which Japan, eager that the summit should pass smoothly, is highly susceptible.

It was not lost on anybody here that the Westerners' complaints have reached a new feverish peak, with uglier hints of reprisals than ever before, as Japan's great occasion to show itself to the world gets nearer. Washington stepped up the pressure on Japan to open its market, speed up tariff cuts, even requested Tokyo to imperil its relations with Arab oil producers by increasing aid to Egypt — and began a vigorous campaign to persuade Japan to allow foreign companies substantial access to procurements by Japanese government agencies. Ohira is believed to be ready to make concessions on the procurement issue when he meets President Jimmy Carter in Washington on May 2, in an effort to smooth the ground for the Tokyo summit.

A press report that Carter was planning to boycott the summit unless Japan moved fast to reduce its huge trade surplus with the U.S. — nearly \$12 billion last year — was quickly denied by the American embassy here, but it sent nervous shivers down hypersensitive official Japanese spines.

Not to be outdone, the European Community commission sent vice president Wilhelm Haferkamp to Tokyo to make threatening noises, which though now something of an annual ritual sounded a lot more menacing in Tokyo's pre-summit tension. Japan's intensive exporting rang up a record \$6.4 billion trade surplus with the Community last year, and Haferkamp, in his rough Teutonic manners, said he wanted to see some fast action.

Ethiopia : A test case for Soviets

By David Ottaway

ADDIS ABABA —

The revolutionary government has launched a major campaign to revive its war-battered economy and appears to be counting heavily on promised assistance from its new communist allies.

It remains unclear how big an economic commitment the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc nations are prepared to make in Africa's latest Marxist country.

Some Western diplomats here say this issue ultimately may serve to sway the military government somewhat back toward the West and possibly a more nonaligned policy.

"If the Soviet Union and its allies don't provide the aid, the Ethiopians will probably have to turn to the West," remarked one diplomat. "The Soviets have not done very well when it comes to economic assistance to African countries, so Ethiopia is a test case for them."

So far, the Soviet Union seems to be repeating the pattern of its earlier close relationship with neighbouring Somalia, where it provided \$1 billion in military assistance but little for economic development.

The Somalis complained bitterly about this after they severed military ties with Moscow in November 1977 over the Soviet decision to switch sides and back Ethiopia in the Ethiopian-Somali war.

Soviet assistance to Ethiopia — like that of East Germany, Cuba and other Soviet bloc members — has been mostly for the military or security forces. This can be explained so far by the fact that Ethiopia's military government has been engaged in wars against Somalia, liberation movements and opposition groups.

The nature and extent of the bloc's commitment to this Marxist government should soon become clearer.

Ethiopia's ruler, Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, toured Eastern Europe last November to seek \$200 million to \$300 million in economic assistance, signing a treaty of friendship and cooperation while in Moscow. What he actually secured in aid remains unknown

"We do not like the idea of coming here every year with the same list of complaints," Haferkamp told a press conference. Nor of course do the Japanese, who are tired of the regular European Community missions coming here to whine about non-tariff barriers and demanding Japan buy more foreign biscuits, cigarettes and lipstick. Nevertheless, Ohira — who has privately lamented his predecessor Fukuda's rashness in inviting the summit to Tokyo — is busy preparing some "Omiyage" (gifts) for the European leaders.

He ordered the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to devise a strategy to quell European resentments, the outline of which became known last week. The MITI plan envisages more Japanese investment in EEC countries, joint ventures with European firms in third world countries in Africa and the Middle East, and the entry of Japanese investment into Spain and Greece to narrow the economic gap between these prospective EEC member countries and the present nine. The problem with the plan, which foresees a switch from the "concentrated downpour" of Japanese ships, steel textiles, cars and electronic goods onto Europe to investment and technological partnership is that the Japanese government has to sell it to private business firms which are doing nicely out of direct exporting. But official encouragement will be forthcoming, MITI promises. The government has already sponsored fact-finding missions to Britain and Ireland this year, and believes that more Japanese investment, like the proposed tieup between Honda Motor Company and British Leyland, will be warmly welcomed in Britain and other Common Market countries.

With a constant eddy of senior officials and newly-appointed advisors around Ohira's residence, inundating the prime minister with advice, it would be only a trifle exaggerated to say that Japan will be governed for the next three months in the interests of harmony at the Tokyo summit. The Bank of Japan's call for a tighter money policy has been swiftly silenced: With the West demanding that Japan cut its trade surplus by stimulating the economy. Any tightening will have to wait until after the summit, let inflation rage as it may. (G)

outside the ruling military council and many Ethiopians are doubtful he got much at all.

Launching what is known as the "national revolutionary development campaign" in early February, Mengistu listed the kind of assistance expected or already provided by the communist countries:

"They have given us money and different kinds of production machinery and equipment. They have advanced us long-term, low-interest loans for development purposes. They are going to help us set up various factories. They are going to cooperate with us in different kinds of development projects. They will make experts available to us. They will be training Ethiopians in various professions."

At the end he added somewhat enigmatically: "They have also made us many promises."

So far, what is known actually to have arrived are 1,000 East German tractors and 50 combine harvesters for state farms. East Germany has also provided training for mechanics and drivers and a \$2 million loan for a port-expansion project at Asab on the Red Sea. But the Ethiopians reportedly have rejected the initial draft for the project.

Most of the farm equipment apparently was in exchange for 20,000 tons of Ethiopian coffee sold to East Germany several years ago.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union, which has sold \$1 billion worth of arms to Ethiopia in the past two years on commercial terms has come through with two loans for mining and agricultural development.

Most of Ethiopia's foreign economic assistance continues to come from the West or China, despite its severely strained relations with both.

Out of \$117 million in loans listed in the current budget, more than three-quarters appear to come from the West — led by the World Bank and the European Economic Community — and China. (WP)

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Uganda elections

By DAVID MARTIN

DAR ES SALAAM,

Yusuf Lule, a softly-spoken academic, became Uganda's new Head of State after resistance by forces fighting for Idi Amin was crushed in the capital city, Kampala.

Uganda exile leaders say they have agreed on a draft constitution for the Uganda National Liberation Front (UNLF), which was formed in the northern Tanzanian town of Moshi two weeks ago.

Under this constitution the UNLF executive committee would act as a caretaker government for six months after the fall of Amin. But, exile sources stress, the committee would be answerable to a constituent assembly comprising not less than 40 Ugandans.

The committee would be the supreme body of the UNLF.

After six months it would decide whether the caretaker government should continue in office or whether a new government should be elected. Elections were to be held as soon as possible but within two years.

The constituent assembly, which is also being referred to as a consultative committee, is chaired by Edward Rugumayo, until 1973 minister of education in the Amin government.

Rugumayo is a Marxist who lectures at Lusaka University. After his resignation he issued the most vehement denunciation put out by any of the men who had worked for Amin after the 1971 coup d'état.

The sources were not entirely clear about how the new government would be set up. The principal initial tasks would be to "win the confidence of the people."

"If you like, it is really a case of rehumanizing the people, of teaching them not to be afraid," said one of the members of the executive committee. "We must convince them the change is real, that it is not another one of Amin's gimmicks."

Most, if not all, of the present 11-member executive committee would become Cabinet Ministers in the caretaker administration, the source said. But, he added, ministerial portfolios had not been allocated.

The sudden emergence of the UNLF executive committee and the likelihood that it will become Uganda's government has taken many people completely by surprise.

Lule has hitherto not been involved in exile politics, a point which told in his favor as Ugandans searched for a non-controversial chairman. He was a minister in the colonial government preceding independence and later became vice-chancellor of Makerere University College.

Lule is not known to have any particular political leaning. But he is an able administrator and amidst the complexities and conflicts of Uganda's politics is probably an ideal person to head a caretaker administration.

His emergence means that Uganda's best-known exile, Dr Milton Obote, the president overthrown by Amin, has, for the moment at least, been eclipsed.

In part, Obote's problem was that he was a very controversial figure among the more vocal Ugandan exiles. In addition, the Tanzanians were determined not to be seen to be trying to reimpose Obote, who has lived in exile here for eight years, on Uganda.

This was an important aspect of the credibility of Tanzania's case as its troops drove north towards Kampala, playing the main role in defeating Amin and his Libyan supporters.

One still inexplicable aspect of the whole conflict to many Tanzanians is that Libya still has an embassy in Dar es Salaam. Libyan planes were reported to have bombed Tanzania twice and Col. Muammar Qaddafi earlier made a virtual declaration of war on Tanzania. (OFNS)

"The call by Interior Minister Prince Naif for greater coordination among Gulf states and his reaffirmation that there is already much evidence of it especially in protecting oil installations, comes at a time of increasing attacks on the oil states," according to "Okaz".

"The attacks, made by imperialist-Zionist circles are aimed at the policies of these states on the Middle East question."

"Prince Naif's statement opens up new vistas for deeper and more wide-ranging relations among Gulf states to confront Zionist and communist intrigues."

"The paper said there is considerable rapport between the Zionists and the communists — despite the Soviet Union's declarations of support for the Arabs."

"Both King Hussein and the American secretary of state used the term 'unknown' in their dis-

cussion of the future of the Middle East," according to Al-Madina.

"The Arab world is now facing the shambles of a structure that had built up over the years through active diplomacy and international resolutions together with certain limited commitments made by the superpowers. Since the Arab world is the first to suffer from freezing the situation indefinitely, it should start exerting extra efforts to repair the damage done by the detachment of Egypt."

"The dangers of the unknown highlighted by King Hussein and Cyrus Vance call for a practical program of action by the Arabs not necessarily to achieve immediate results but to start the first step towards our objectives."

Commenting on the French foreign minister's visit to Morocco, "Al-Bilad" said French foreign policy "is characterized by quiet and prudent

diplomacy" and that France "is anxious to keep its bridges open with the Arab world and Africa."

"The visit, the paper said, is related to the following attitudes:

— "The European powers do not object to the Egyptian Israeli treaty and consider it a first step towards road."

— "The European powers are anxious to avoid long and bitter conflicts in the region. Hence the need for a formula for a real peace."

— "That peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved or made permanent unless it is comprehensive and includes an acceptable solution to the Palestinian question."

"It is therefore possible to ask whether the foreign minister's visit constitutes a new European initiative after Arab opposition to the peace treaty made it clear that it cannot last."

"We believe that Europe is capable of playing a positive role

in this direction especially since the United States wants Europe and Japan to contribute to the price of peace in the region. But the price will not be paid unless peace is comprehensive and acceptable to all parties."

"The foreign minister's visit to Morocco is also related to the Western Sahara problem. Observers believe that the visit comes within a framework of French mediation and may well be a prelude to a summit conference of Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania."

"The paper expected a drastic change next month — which may contribute to solving the problem. French diplomacy will give a helping hand because of the nature of its relationships with the three countries involved in the dispute."

"This will certainly be in line with the French president's call for peace and stability in Africa in general."

According to "Al-Nadwa" the

decision to introduce compulsory conscription in Saudi Arabia "is consistent with the critical circumstances in the region as it faces the conspiracy of the separate peace."

"Defense Minister Prince Sultan announced recently that conscription would become effective in three months time. The statement also aims at making it clear that the country is mobilizing all its human and material resources to support Arab rights and regain Jerusalem and to help build an effective eastern Arab front."

"Saudi Arabia believes that rights that are not supported by force are soon lost and that there is no point in searching for a comprehensive and just peace unless the Arab world is backed up by a strong military force."

"It will also serve notice to those who have detached themselves from the Arab world and are trying to belittle Arab ability to face up to Zionist invasion."

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Arab medicine exhibit at KAAU

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — The contribution to medicine made by scholars and scientists working during the hey day of the Arab Empire has been researched, collated and simplified for the layman by Toma Shamani.

The results of his work, over several years, may be seen this week at an exhibition staged by the Medical Faculty of King Abdul Aziz University in the Visual Aids Hall. The exhibit opens at 11 a.m. Monday, April 16.

Shamani, who is an Iraqi, graduated in veterinary sciences at Calcutta University in 1950. After some years of medical practice among the flocks and herds of the nomads in the plains and deserts of Iraq, during which, he says, "I became a complete Bedu," he began working as a scientific journalist.

"Al Jomhoriya of Baghdad publishes a weekly supplement on medicine and science to which Shamani is a regular contributor. He also broadcasts on scientific subjects for Baghdad Radio.

His exhibition consists of 26 large posters with photographic illustrations drawn from many manuscript and historical sources and explanatory matter linking the pictures into a simple narrative. Gathering the material has taken Shamani all over the Islamic world. Some of his happiest recollections are of Cordoba, onetime capital of Andalus, where a wonderful civilization flourished during Europe's Dark Ages.

The exhibition has already been seen in Bag-

dad and now Shamani is taking it on a tour of the Gulf, Morocco and Tunisia. He comes to Jeddah at the invitation of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at KAAU.

Shamani explained the evolution of Arab medicine from Greek texts, translated into Arabic. This knowledge together with the new discoveries of Arab scientists was spread through Arabic all over the Muslim Empire and later into Europe. Translations of Arabic texts into Latin were by monks and scholars and these became the textbooks used in the universities of medieval Europe. Some of the texts, those of Ibn Sina and Abul Kalam, for instance, remained the principal teaching matter in Europe until the middle of the 17th century when European science and technology started in earnest and began to assume the lead in the world which it still retains.

Shamani said that some aspects of medicine started in the Arab world. He cited the keeping of clinical records, the formulation of pharmacy and the first principles of surgery. Arabic pharmacy included botany, and so there are some 1,000 herbal items in the traditional pharmacopoeia.

He is hoping to publish his work in text book form, both in Arabic and English, so that it can reach a greater number of people. Shamani is an enthusiast and when you talk to him about his favorite subject, you become enthusiastic about it, too. His wife teaches chemistry and his eldest daughter is studying microbiology, so there is a pretty strong scientific bias in the Shamani family.



Dr. Toma Shamani

Visit to a herb-tester's garden

By Robert F. Levey

FULTON, Maryland — The sores on Jim Duke's shins were raw and open, and as their owner put it, in his lush Alabama accent, "They been itchin' like a son of a gun." Duke clearly had a fairly serious case of psoriasis. But he also had a special way to treat it.

On the dining room table sat a box, postmarked Florida, courtesy of a friend. In the box sat an "aloe leaf," the "leaf" of a plant that is said to have soothing effects on skin rashes and infections.

Jim Duke cut the sword-shaped frond open and rubbed some aloe slime on his sores. Almost immediately, he said, they felt better.

"I don't claim this is a cure," Duke said, "and I'm not sure I'd want my daughter to try this. But it could be just as effective as what the drug companies have on the market. All I'm saying is, let's not leave any stones unturned in research."

Don't worry about Jim Duke doing that. He is paid to make sure the stones are turned.

Since May, Duke, a 49-year-old Ph.D. in botany, has headed the Medicinal Plant Resources Laboratory at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Beltsville, Maryland research station. That is a fancy pants way of saying that Duke is the federal government's chief herb tester — when he isn't relaxing by playing bass with a bluegrass band called the Howard County Dump.

For Duke, herbs are far more than something to hack apart in a lab. Duke, his wife, Peggy, and their two children live on a six-acre farm here named Herbal Vineyard. Much of it is given over to more than 200 species of plants. If you called Jim Duke and his family "herb freaks" — as "People" magazine once did — "Well, we wouldn't mind a bit," Duke says.

That does not mean the Dukes are growing exotic plants that will get you higher than a kite if you chew or smoke them. In fact, most of Duke's garden contains nothing more exotic than salad greens or spices — although most are too rare to be found in supermarkets.

Duke has planted spiny ginseng root, foeniculum, rainbow fern and yellow ladyslipper, just to drop a name or two. And he planted them all, as well as their brothers and sisters, for his own amusement.

Duke's herbs are to fondle, spindle and mutilate. They are there to be traded, reproduced and fretted over. Occasionally, they serve as sources for herbal medicines. Above all, they give the Duke farm a color (green) and smell (vaguely fruity) that sets it far apart from its horsey neighbors.

Commercial forces occasionally take hold on the Duke spread — or at least they have tried to. In the spring and summer, the Duke children — John, 17, and Cissy, 13 — take some of the family crops to the nearby farmer's market in Columbia. On a good day, they have been known to clear all of \$12.

But if Herbal Vineyard was ever supposed to be self-supporting, the Dukes would have been selling insurance long ago.

"We're the type to whom the last agricultural yearbook was dedicated. We're people who make our living elsewhere," says Duke. "All propositions are losing as far as money is concerned. It's a hobby. I'm the major laborer. If I see a new herb, I'll usually try to get it."

A large part of Jim Duke's work for the USDA consists of collecting "new" herbs. He has traveled all over the world on collecting tours (Panama in February, China last summer). This year, he is heading up a special collection of herbs that will be tested by the

National Cancer Institute as possible cures for cancer.

"We've already been through 10 per cent of the plants in the world. One in 10 has some effect on cancer in the test tube," Duke said. But the excitement lies in the "hundreds of plants that have never been tested." At Beltsville, Duke says wryly, "we're not worried about unemployment."

Duke is concerned, however, with the public attitude toward herbal medicines.

He and his colleagues jokingly call the Beltsville lab "ye olde quack shack," because they know that's how many people view them and their work. And Duke is forever being urged by someone or other to "come out of the closet" and declare that herb medicines are great and patent medicines awful.

In fact, Duke is ambivalent about which, if either, is better. "You get some strong advocates of herbal medicine, but you

seldom get scientific proof," Duke said. "A lot of it is really dangerous. You can overdose."

"On the other hand, there are more people hit by falling airplanes than are poisoned by herbal medicine. I'd say more than 10 per cent of the old wives' tales have some truth to them."

Out in his greenhouse, there grows a joboba. "Supposed to cure baldness," Duke says.

Two shelves over is a batch of euphorbia lathyris — the so-called "petroleum plant." Its milky sap "is similar to the hydrocarbon content in petroleum," Duke said. "It's supposed to produce 50 barrels of oil per acre. Some people believe it'll cause cancer instead."

Camphor, ornamental kale, jimson weed — Jim Duke is growing them all. And he firmly expects there will soon be more like him.

"There are more people interested in nature, in back-to-the-earth movements, in back-packing movements," he said. (WP)



Jim Duke, the U.S. government's chief herb-tester

An Arab philosopher's impression of the great Greek doctor Dioclesides.

U.S. leapfrogs to metric system

By Lawrence Hensberg

WASHINGTON — Malcolm O'Hagan, the executive director of the U.S. Metric Board, gave to the Washington Monument grounds one sunny morning month with two members of staff and three frogs.

While photographers recorded scene, the frogs jumped and began cheering them on — all in cause of converting the United States from its traditional measurements, pounds, and pints to the meters, grams, and liters of the metric system.

"Kilo Monster," the frog who jumped the farthest here, will be shipped to California in mid-May, spokesman for the Metric Board, to take part in the annual frog jumping contest at the Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

For the first time in 51 years, he said, the results of the Calaveras jump will be reported in centimeters as well as inches.

The Metric Board called us

up," said Raymond Callahan, the manager of the Calaveras Fair, "and asked us to use centimeters, too. We didn't have any objections. So we said we'll do it."

Getting other American institutions to adopt measures has not been so easy.

During the past two years there have been some important landmarks on the march to the metric system. Radio stations and bank clocks have started reporting temperatures in Celsius degrees as well as the familiar Fahrenheit. Automobile manufacturers have brought out new models with metric dimensions.

But in the face of public opposition, there have also been serious setbacks.

—The Federal Highway Administration scuttled a plan to switch all the nation's speed limit signs from miles per hour to kilometers.

—The National Weather Service withdrew indefinitely its plan to give forecasts and measure-

ments in metric units.

—The Department of Agriculture dropped a proposal to label all fish and poultry products in metrics.

Even though Congress passed a "Metric Conversion Act" in late 1975, which established the Metric Board, it is still a debatable question whether the act made it government policy to encourage metric use.

The General Accounting Office, the congressional watchdog agency, last October issued a long report, declaring that "national policy is not to prefer one system (of measurement) over the other." The report said any switch to the metric system would be costly and have only a slight effect on foreign trade, even though all other major countries now use metric measures.

The report said the Metric Board should remain neutral and only help private groups that want to go metric anyway. —(WP)

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Five-stroke lead in third round

Sneed leaves Masters pack behind

AUGUSTA, Ga. April 15 (Agencies) — An inspired Ed Sneed, firing his third successive round in the 60s, opened up a commanding five-stroke lead in the Masters golf championship Saturday with a 12-under-par total of 204.

The curly-haired Sneed survived his first bogey of the tournament and collected four birdies in adding a 69 to his opening rounds of 68 and 67 on a warm, sunny day at the 7,040-yard Augusta National Course.

Sneed's closest rivals were the men he shared the lead with after two rounds, Tubby Craig Stadler, and tournament favorite Tom Watson, who both ended the day on 209, one ahead of first-day leader Bruce Lietzke and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Miller Barber, who tied the course record Saturday morning with a 64 when he finished his interrupted second round, came next on 211 with 1976 champion Ray Floyd, Leonard Thompson, Tom Kite and the leading foreigner, Australia's Jack Newton.

Jack Nicklaus, winner of the event five times, could do no bet-

ter than an even-par 72 for a 212 total matched by Bill Kratzner, Gil Morgan and Lanny Wadkins, followed by Spain's Severiano Ballesteros alone on 213.

Sneed managed to increase his lead because none of his closest rivals could come to grips with the course, which was drying out from Friday's torrential downpour that halted play for two hours.

Top third-round scores

AUGUSTA, Ga. April 15 (AP) — Top third-round scores Saturday in the Masters:

Ed Sneed 68-67-69-204
Tom Watson 68-81-70-209
Craig Stadler 69-66-74-209
Bruce Lietzke 67-75-68-210
Fuzzy Zoeller 70-71-69-210
Tom Kite 71-72-68-207
Jack Newton 70-72-69-211
Miller Barber 75-64-72-211
Ray Floyd 70-68-73-211
Leonard Thompson 69-70-73-211
Lanny Wadkins 73-69-70-212
Gil Morgan 72-69-71-212
Bill Kratzner 72-68-71-212
Jack Nicklaus 69-71-72-212

Watson, the winner two years ago and this year's leading money-winner, bogeyed the two par fives on the front nine, the second and eighth, but could do no better than par the rest of the holes for a 70.

"I just didn't have enough opportunities for birdies," he lamented.

He was upset by an incident at

the 10th hole, where his ball struck a spectator.

"I hit a lady in the mouth with a golf ball at 10, and it really shook me up. I hit her right on the fly. The doctor said she had a couple of stitches, but she's alright. That's the first time I've done that."

Stadler followed two bogeys with a double-bogey when he splashed his approach shot into the pond by the 11th green, but then pulled his 210-pound frame together with birdies that let him escape with a 74.

Stadler had to rally for a 74 after hitting his second shot in the water on No. 11.

Lietzke, who blew to a 85 in the rain and storm, that delayed Friday's second round shot a 68 and Zoeller powered his way to a 69.

"It just confirms that I'm a fair-weather player," said Lietzke, who had a 67 in the sunshine of the first round. "I've always known it. All my good rounds have been in good weather and I've had a lot of bad ones in bad weather."

Nicklaus, trying to break an annoying slump with a sixth Masters victory, left himself eight shots off the pace with a frustrating 72 that put him at 212.

"I didn't have it all that close to the hole and I missed the few opportunities I had," he said.

He three-putted twice, once for par on the long 15th, and missed six putts of 12 feet or less.

Lanny Wadkins, the only two-time winner on the tour this year, was also at 212 after a 70. Lee Trevino shot 70-214 and was out of it again in his chase for the only major title that has eluded him. Hubert Green was 72-15, four-time Masters runnerup Tom Weiskopf 71-216 and defending champion Gary Player of South Africa was 74-217.

Sneed, tied with Stadler for the lead at the end of 36 holes, took sole control of the spot with a chip and a 15-foot birdie putt on the second hole.

The smooth, disciplined Sneed made birdie-four on the eighth and, with Stadler continuing to have his problems, had a three-shot lead at the turn.

He expanded that with a gorgeous shot to within three or four feet of the flag on the picturesque 12th, considered by many the finest par-three in golf.

Relief by Guidry aids 8-5 win

Yankee grand slam crushes Chicago

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP) — Pinch-hitter Jay Johnstone's grand slam home run and a rare relief appearance by Cy Young winner Ron Guidry helped the New York Yankees to an 8-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox Saturday.

With one out in the eighth and Chicago leading 5-4, pinch-batter Jim Spencer drew a walk for the Yankees against losing pitcher Dewey Robinson. Reggie Jackson followed with a double and Graig Nettles, who had homered earlier in the game, was given an intentional pass.

Lerrin Lagrow came on in relief of Robinson and Johnstone greeted Lagrow with his first home run of the season over the wall in right-center.

Dick Tidrow, the third pitcher used by the Yankees, picked up his first victory of the year but left the game after the White Sox put two men on base with one out in the ninth. Guidry then made his

first relief appearance in two seasons and got Jorge Orta to hit into a game-ending double play to earn the save.

Elsewhere in the American League, Rick Cerone's bases-loaded single with one out in the eighth inning broke a 6-6 tie and helped the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals. It was the fourth straight victory for the Blue Jays.

The Milwaukee Brewers belted a team-record six home runs and Gorman Thomas signed home two runs in the last of the ninth inning for a wild 11-10 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Right-hander Dave Frost, facing the Oakland A's for the first time in his career, fired a five-hitter and Bobby Grich knocked in four runs with two homers as the California Angels coasted to a 9-3 victory.

Cleveland at Boston was rained out, as was Philadelphia at New York in the National League.

Elsewhere in the National League, San Francisco's Vida Blue pitched out of trouble several times and finished with a nine-hitter as the Giants beat the Houston Astros 2-1. Blue became the major league's first three-game winner of the season by hurling his third complete game in three starts. He struck out eight and walked none.

Ed Ott drove in four runs with a homer and a triple to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-4 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Andre Dawson homered and Ross Grimsley and Elias Sosa teamed on a six-hitter as the Montreal Expos defeated the Chicago Cubs 2-0 in the Expos' home opener.

In American League night games, pinch-hitter Richie Zisk drilled a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Texas Rangers raised their record to 6-0 by beating the Detroit Tigers 7-5.



FIRST WINNER: Steve Cauthen, the American jockey, rode his first winner in English racing earlier this month in the Grand Foods Handicap at Salsbery. On Marquee Universal, he won on a cold and soggy afternoon.

Sweet 2-0 revenge on Manchester United

Liverpool almost certain of League title

LONDON, April 15 (R) — Liverpool, bundled out of the Football Association (FA) Cup semifinals by Manchester United less than two weeks ago, gained revenge Saturday with a comfortable 2-0 League victory.

United, to meet London club Arsenal in the Cup Final on May 12, were without key players Gordon McQueen and Jimmy Greenhoff, but never looked like upsetting Liverpool's relentless pursuit of its third English First Division championship in four years.

Kenny Dalglish blasted home his 22nd goal of the season to put Liverpool ahead, while England fullback Phil Neal popped up for the second, two minutes after half-time.

West Bromwich Albion's slender hopes of catching Liverpool received another jolt when they were held to a 1-1 home draw by Arsenal.

A brilliant goal by Irish interna-

tional Liam Brady gave Arsenal a shock second minute lead, but veteran Tony Brown salvaged a point for West Brom.

Reigning champion Nottingham Forest showed no signs of tiredness after its thrilling 3-3 draw against West Germany's Cologne in the semifinal of the European Cup last Wednesday.

Goals by Gary Birtles and Martin O'Neill gave Forest two points from a 2-1 away win over Derby County.

Manager Brian Clough has refused to concede the title, but it

will take a miracle for Forest to overcome Liverpool's eight point advantage.

Everton, which promised so much in the early part of the season, was held to a goalless draw by Manchester City and dropped back to fourth place.

At the bottom of the First Division Londoners Chelsea plunged to another defeat, losing 2-1 at home to Southampton.

The three teams immediately above bottom-placed Chelsea, Birmingham, Queen Park Ran-

gers and Wolverhampton Wanderers, all drew, while Dutch star Frans Thijssen scored his first goal for Ipswich for a 1-0 away win over East Anglian neighbors Norwich.

Liverpool is virtually home and dry in the First Division, but the Division Two title race remains wide open.

Top team Brighton crashed 3-1 away to lowly Cardiff after taking the lead through Peter Ward. Rivals Sunderland, Stoke, Crystal Palace and West Ham United all scored vital victories.

British soccer results

LONDON, April 15 (R) — Results of Saturday's English and Scottish football League matches:

Football League matches :

Division One			
B'ham	1	Wolves	1
Bolton	0	Middlesbro	0
Chelsea	1	S'hampton	2
Coventry	3	Bristol City	2
Derby	1	Notts Forest	2
Leeds	1	Villa	0
Liverpool	2	Man. United	0
Man. City	0	Everton	0
Norwich	0	Ipswich	1
Tottenham	1	Queens P. Ran.	1
West	1	Arsenal	1
Bromwich			

Division Two			
Blackburn	1	Burnley	2
Bristol Rov.	0	Palace	1
Cambridge	1	Fulham	0
Cardiff	3	Brighton	1
Charlton	1	Stoke	4
Leicester	1	Sunderland	2
Luton	2	Millwall	2
Newcastle	1	Sheffield Uni	3
Notts County	0	Oldham	0
Orient	0	West Ham	2
Wrexham	2	Preston	1
Division Three			
Blackpool	2	Tranmere	0
Carlisle	1	Chester	1

Colchester	1	Oxford	1
Lincoln	0	Peterborough	1
Mansfield	0	Hull	2
Plymouth	2	Brentford	1
Rotherham	2	Bury	1
Sheffield Wed.	4	Chesterfield	0
Shrewsbury	1	Watford	1
Southend	0	Gillingham	1
Swindon	0	Swansea	1
Walsall	2	Exeter	2
Division Four			
Aldershot	2	Northampton	0
Bournemouth	0	Reading	0

Scottish Division One		
Ayr	4	St. Johnstone 2
Clyde	0	Clydebank 1
Dundee	4	Hamilton 3
Kilmarnock	3	Queen of the South 1
Montrose	2	Dumbarton 1
Raith Rovers	1	Arbroath 2
Stirling	2	Airdrieonians 1
Scottish Division Two		
Albion	1	Queens Park 0
Berwick	5	East Stirling 1
Dunfermline	2	Stenhousemuir 1

Argentine boxer retakes light-heavyweight crown

NEW ORLEANS, La. April 15 (Agencies) — Argentina's Victor Galindez became the first light-heavyweight in history to regain his title with a technical knockout here Saturday in the 10th round over former World Boxing Association champion Mike Rossman of the United States.

Promoter Bob Arum said just seconds after the fight ended that Rossman had broken his hand. Referee Stanley Christodoulou of South Africa said Rossman's corner asked him to stop the fight.

It goes into the books as a 10th-round knockout for Galindez, and was a sudden end to a wild fight which saw Rossman's brother throw punches at Galindez after the fourth round.

From the fourth round, Galindez, who lost the title to Rossman when he was stopped on cuts in the 13th round last Sept. 15 was in charge. Most of the crowd at the Superdome cheered Rossman on, but he could not handle Galindez's firepower.

In the fifth round, Galindez suffered a cut above his right eye, but it did not bother him.

Cape Town

CAPE TOWN, April 15 (R) — Samuel Serrano of Puerto Rico retained his World Boxing Association junior lightweight title with an eighth round victory over South African Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mxaji here Saturday night.

Serrano, defending the title for the ninth time, caught Mxaji with

World hurdles record tumbles

SAN JOSE, Calif., April 15 (R) — Renaldo Nehemiah of the United States set a world record Saturday night in the 110 meters high hurdles in a track meeting here with a time of 13.16 seconds, breaking the two-year old record of 13.21 held by Alejandro Casanas of Cuba.

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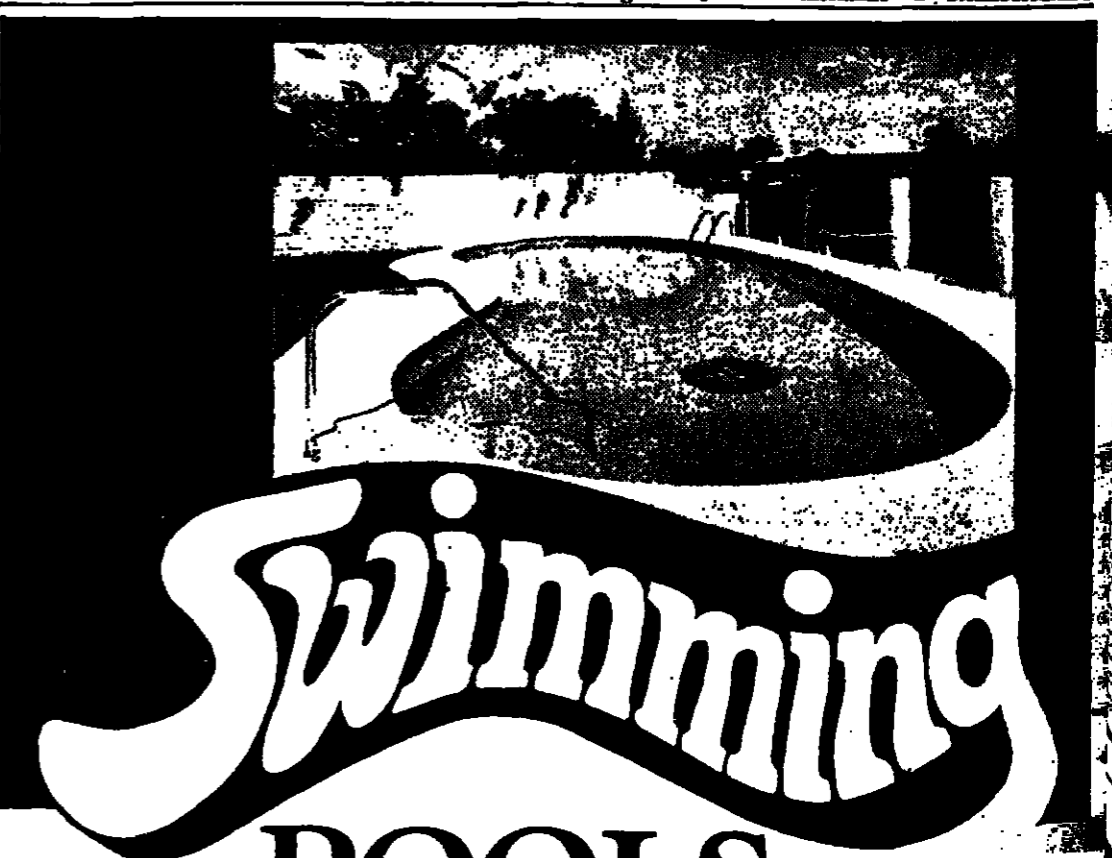
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Higher price expected

U.S. - Mexican natural gas talks said going smoothly

MEXICO CITY, April 15 (LAT) — The United States and Mexico have reopened talks on the possible sale of Mexican natural gas to the United States. The talks are going well, informed sources said.

The talks, believed the first since the United States rejected a Mexican gas proposal in 1977, are expected to be continued in the weeks just ahead, sources said.

We all came out of the first conversations with guarded optimism," one source said. "But we have a long row to hoe."

Moreover, Mexico has made no secret of the fact it has a much higher price in mind today than price mentioned in 1977.

The talks took place here two weeks ago, but in an emotional atmosphere that followed U.S. rejection of Mexico's first offer, neither side would even admit that the talks had been resumed.

The U.S. negotiators were led by Julius M. Katz, assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs. He was accompanied by Harry Bergold, director of the Department of Energy and other officials.

The Mexican negotiators were led by Juan Inschutz, director general of energy in the sub-secretariat of mines and energy of the department of natural resources and industrial development.

After the talks, the U.S. negotiators returned to Washington to report to President Jimmy Carter.

Both sides are now assessing the chances of making the talks. "But the sphere indicated that they will meet again in near future."

It was said that because of Holy Week, when many Mexican officials are away from their offices, further meetings are likely this week. He said the talks are expected to be resumed soon after Easter.

The talks were very preliminary," the source said. "We were exploring at this stage if there was common basis for further discussions and it was not clear that there is. Whether anything will come of the talks in the end remains to be seen. The sphere was generally cordial but in this kind of exploratory talks everyone was hedging his bets a bit."

The emotional atmosphere stirred up in both

Mexico and the United States by the U.S. rejection of the first Mexican offer marred the start of Carter's visit to Mexico in February.

But at the end of his three-day visit, Carter and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo agreed to begin government-to-government negotiations on a fair pricing system for gas sales to U.S. customers.

In 1977 the Carter administration cancelled a pact negotiated by six private U.S. companies to purchase natural gas from Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX), the Mexican state oil monopoly. It said the price—\$2.60 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas—was too high and would put an unfair burden on American consumers.

But it was not only the potential reaction of U.S. consumers that made Washington apprehensive at that time. Canada sells natural gas to the United States for \$2.16 per 1,000 cubic feet and warned that it would raise the price if Mexican gas was bought at \$2.60.

The Mexican offer was to sell two billion cubic feet a day to the United States, delivered by means of an extension of the gas pipeline Mexico was building from its southern gas wells to the northern industrial city of Monterrey.

At the time, Mexico was negotiating financing for the new pipeline and financing was linked to a U.S. sales contract. When the sale fell through, Mexico returned its credit application to the Export-Import Bank in Washington and borrowed \$1 billion instead from a European consortium.

The pipeline to Monterrey, without the extension to the border, was inaugurated March 18 by Lopez Portillo.

Mexican officials have made it clear that any new purchase price would not be as low as the figure mentioned in 1977.

PEMEX chief Diaz Serrano said last month that Mexico's price now would be about \$3.15 per 1,000 cubic feet.

While President Carter was visiting Mexico, U.S. officials traveling with him said that the government-to-government talks would be to establish price parameters and that the negotiation of contracts would be carried out by private U.S. companies with those parameters.



BALANCE: Workers at a Mexican gas plant use a pipeline to get to their work stations. This week, U.S. sources reported that negotiations over a proposed American natural gas purchase are going well.

Because of oil decontrol

U.S. gasoline price seen rising

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter's decision to phase out price controls on domestic oil will increase the cost of a gallon of gasoline 3.6 cents by 1981, according to a congressional study released Saturday.

The estimate, by the House Commerce Subcommittee on Energy, compares closely with administration projections that decontrol would push up gasoline prices 4 to 5 cents a gallon by September 1981. Other congressional estimates put the projected price impact at about twice that amount.

Both sets of estimates do not include the effects of oil price increases that are expected from the oil exporting countries.

The subcommittee's report said that at its peak, decontrol will cost consumers nearly \$13 billion.

However, under Carter's phased-in approach, the impact will be felt gradually. The additional cost to the average American household from decontrol will be \$12 in 1979, \$60 in 1980, \$133 in 1981 and \$156 in 1982, the study said.

The president's decontrol decision will also increase inflation by

as much as 0.5 per cent and raise unemployment by .17 per cent, the report said. Those effects, however, are less severe than would be caused by immediate decontrol, it added.

Carter has said that as of June 1, he will gradually decontrol domestic oil prices as a way to increase energy conservation and spur U.S. oil production. He also proposed a tax on excess oil company profits, with the revenue going toward funds for mass transit, energy research and fuel bills of low-income Americans.

Japan central bank seen hiking discount rate soon

TOKYO, April 15 (AP) — The Bank of Japan will raise the official discount rate to 4.25 per cent a year Tuesday from the present 3.5 per cent in an effort to curb inflationary pressures, Kyodo News Service reported Sunday.

Along with the raise in the rate charged for loans to banks, the central bank and the government also plan to raise the interest rates on postal savings and bank deposits by the same margin, Kyodo said.

A similar increase in rates for bonds and commercial borrowers is expected to follow, it added.

Kyodo said the bank had lowered the rate eight times since April 1975 in an easy money policy aimed at boosting Japan's economy after the 1973 oil shock.

Over the last three weeks, the U.S. dollar has climbed from about 206 to more than 216 yen despite heavy dollar selling by the Bank of Japan to check the yen's decline.

A weak yen makes Japan's imports cost more at a time the nation is fighting inflation but higher interest rates would tend to make the yen more attractive.

The Tokyo Exchange Market, however, has been expecting a discount rate increase for the last week or so.

Canton trade fair opens without political slogans

TOKYO, April 15 (AP) — China opened its annual Canton Spring Trade Fair Sunday with a marked reduction of political slogans and product displays, Japan's Kyodo News Service reported from Canton.

The Chinese appeared to be focusing their attention on items with real export possibilities, Kyodo said. It said the first and second floors of the exposition building formerly were reserved for displays, but this time the second floor has been converted to a business negotiation hall.

Popular items among the displays, Kyodo added, were light aircraft for agriculture and training uses and a new model motor-bike.

About 20,000 items were on display, down from the usual 40,000, Kyodo said.

Models of China's model farm, the Dazhai (Tachai) Commune, and model enterprise, the Daqing (Tachung) oil field, were missing, as were political slogans, Kyodo reported.

It said about 6,000 foreign buyers, including 1,300 from Japan, participated in opening ceremonies.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Sunday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.38	3.39	3.39
Pound Sterling	7.05	7.15	7.14
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	179.00	179.00
Swiss F (100)	196.00	198.00	197.50
French F (100)	78.00	78.00	78.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.05	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.50	107.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.25	87.10
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	88.00	88.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.80	8.82
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	40.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.50	74.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	78.50	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.40	34.40
Gold kg	—	25,600	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,020	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.57	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.94	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.12	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.64	1.69	—

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Rubber producers making progress in stability discussions

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, April 15 (AP) — Leading natural rubber producers and consumers have made significant progress toward an international pact to stabilize the rubber market, Primary Industries Minister Paul Leong said Sunday.

Leong told a news conference the recent UNCTAD negotiating conference on an international natural rubber agreement in Geneva had agreed in principle that the size of the buffer stock would be 400,000 tons and the contingency stock 150,000 tons.

He said it also agreed on a reference price of 95 U.S. cents with a ceiling of 122 U.S. cents and an absolute floor price of 68 cents and a band of 109 cents at the top and 80 at the bottom within which the buffer stock would not operate.

The major producing countries in the talks which ended Thursday were Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Singapore. The consumer countries were the United States, the European Economic Community, Japan, China, Australia and the Nordic countries.

China planning expansion of domestic shipping fleet

TOKYO, April 15 (AP) — China plans to buy and build more ships, set up shipping offices abroad and sign contracts for carrying freight to all parts of the world, China's official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency reported Sunday.

China would buy the ships either with its foreign earnings or with loans, Xinhua said.

It said China now has "several

Leong said there was a provision in the agreement for a periodic price review, based on market trends and other economic factors.

The current global oil situation had made the techno-economic position of natural rubber stronger, he said.

It was generally believed that prices of natural rubber would tend to move upward in the next five to 10 years and beyond, he added.

"It should increase in the foreseeable future, unless there is a severe economic recession or financial crisis in the world," he said.

However he added: "despite the bright future of natural rubber, we are willing to enter into an international natural rubber agreement, because it gives further guarantees that natural rubber prices will not be allowed to go below 0.68 U.S. dollars per kilo."

"This floor price would provide the minimum socio-economic requirements of smallholders and plantation tappers."

The next negotiations are scheduled in June and July.

hundred vessels with a carrying capacity of several million tons" serving 400 ports in 100 countries and regions, compared with 13 ports in five Southeast Asian countries in 1961.

Without giving details, Xinhua said a recent conference on China's ocean shipping worked out measures to build up a fleet equipped with modern technology that would meet the country's import and export needs.

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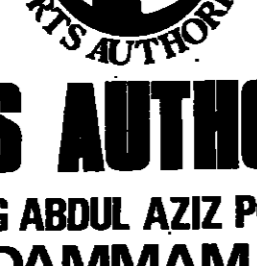
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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF CHANGES PAST 24 HRS.				
			DATE: 18. 5. 1399/15.4.1979 TIME: 0700 HRS.	
Vessels Working Berth No.	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
2	GEORGIANA	GULF	STEEL BARS	14.4.79
3	IRISH ROWAN	G M S	GENERAL	15.4.79
5	APLI CHAU	U.E.P.	GENERAL	14.4.79
7	EVERMORE ASCENDANT	KANOO	GENERAL	13.4.79
10	QIANJIN	ORRI	LOADING UREA	10.4.79
11	NEW TRIUMPH	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	12.4.79
12	ARAB AL RIYAD	S C S A	GENERAL	13.4.79
14	LUKE LU	GOSAIBI	CONTAINERS/GEN	10.4.79
15	RANGAMATI	S E A	GENERAL	14.4.79
16	QINOUSSIA ALPHA	BARBER	STEEL/GENERAL	12.4.79
18	BARENTS SEA	GULF	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	14.4.79
19	SHAHPUR	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	11.4.79
20	AGIOI VICTORES	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	9.4.79
21	ARABIAN LULUAH	BARBER	CEMENT SILO VESEL	28.10.77
27	SOPHIA - II	GULF	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	7.4.79
28	EASTERN OCEAN	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	6.4.79
VESSELS WORKING AT ANCH				
	MORLANG HEIDI	KANOO	GENERAL	26.3.79
2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
	APLI CHAU	U E P	GENERAL	14.4.79
	GEORGIANA	GULF	STEEL BARS	14.4.79
	BARENTS SEA	GULF	C. CEMENT IN BAGS	14.4.79
	IRISH ROWAN	G M S	GENERAL	15.4.79
3- VESSELS EXPECTED WITH IN 24 HOURS				
	BEIRUT TRUST	S E A		
	MANTANGI	KANOO		
	ASTORIA	KANOO		
	FOSS HAVRE	GOSAIBI		
	GUTENFELS	ALI REZA		
	ANDERSO	REZAYAT		
	ASIA ROSE	BARBER		
	EVER PIONEER	GOSAIBI		
	ARIES CHIEF	KANOO		
4- TONNAGES DISCHARGED: (FREIGHT TONS): 28,605				
5- WAITING TIME : NIL				
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1-VESSELS				
DISCHARGING				
BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
1 A	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—
5	BLUE MARLIN	Orri	General	13/4/79
6	—	—	—	—
7	—	—	—	—
8	ITHAKI KATHARA	M.E.S.A.	Apples	12/4/79
9	BARRIOS	Star	Fruit	13/4/79
10	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	—	—
12	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—
14	PRVI SPLITSKI	Azar	General/Timber/Ctra.	14/4/79
15	PORED	—	—	—
16	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—
18	ACHILLEUS	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	7/4/79
19	KIVI ARROW	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	12/4/79
20	—	—	—	—
21	—	—	—	—
22	ELENI II	A. A.	Bgd. Cement	5/4/79
23	—	—	—	—
24	PHILIPINAS SAUDI 1	S.A.M.A.	Accommodation Ship	—
25	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	—
27	—	—	—	—
28	—	—	—	—
29	KOTA SALAMAT	O.C.E.	General	14/4/79
30	—	—	—	—
40	—	—	—	—
41	—	—	—	—
42	—	—	—	—
43	—	—	—	—
44	MEGDALENA	M.E.S.A.	Bananas	14/4/79
RO RO				
—	MERZARIO HISPANIA	A.E.T.	Ro Ro	14/79
2- RECENT ARRIVALS				
—	KALLISOE	O.C.E.	Reefar	14/4/79
—	CATHERINE SCHIAFFINO	Algoasibi	Ro Ro	14/4/79
—	MAGDALENA	M.E.S.A.	Reefar	14/4/79
—	KOTA SALAMAT	O.C.E.	General	14/4/79
—	PRVI SPLITSKI	Azar	Gen./Timber/Ctra.	14/4/79
—	ODRED	—	—	—
—	BIANCO	O.C.E.	Froz. Chicken	14/4/79
3- VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN WITH IN NEXT 24 HOURS				
—	CONCORDIA TAREK	Alasabah	Ctra./Pleas/Gen/ Froz. Food	15/4/79
—	OCEAN GLORY	O. TRADE	Foodstuffs/Yarn	15/4/79
—	TARU	Barber	Hazardous Cargo	15/4/79
—	ALPHA	Algoasibi	General/Containers	15/4/79
—	PAULINA	Alasabah	General	15/4/79
—	ALASKA	O.C.E.	Poultry/Dairy Foods	15/4/79
—	KHALIL SEA	S.A.M.A.	Apples	15/4/79
—	FU CHIAO	O.C.E.	Oranges	15/4/79
—	GELESIAE	Star	Fruit	15/4/79
—	VIAN DYCK	Algoasibi	Containers	15/4/79
—	CHRISTINE ISABEL	A.E.T.	Containers	15/4/79
—	BAHJAH	H.S.S.C.	Ro Ro	15/4/79
—	TURANDOT	Kanoo	Vehicles	15/4/79
—	HELLENIC EXPLORER	Alasabah	Ro Ro	15/4/79
4 - TONNAGES DISCHARGED : (FREIGHT TONS) : 29,937				
5 - WAITING TIME : NIL				
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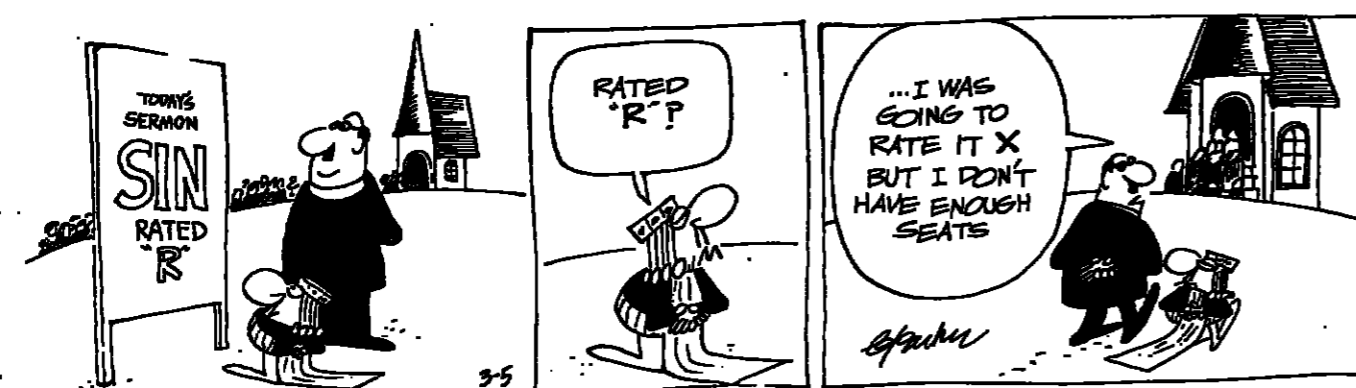
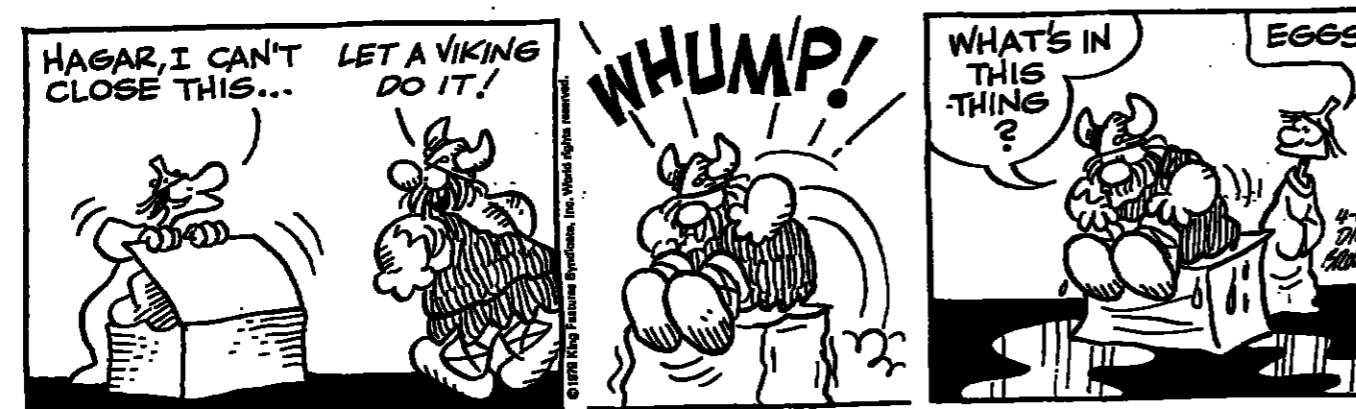
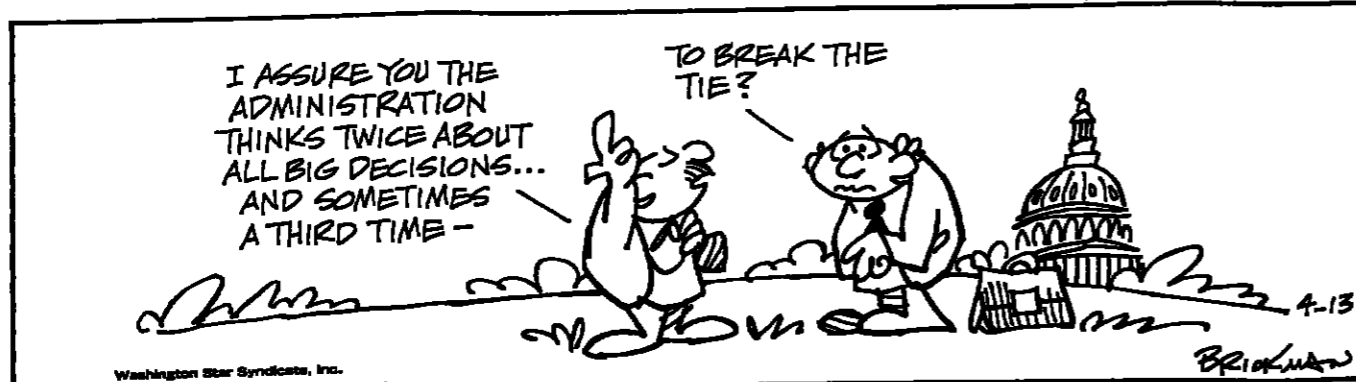
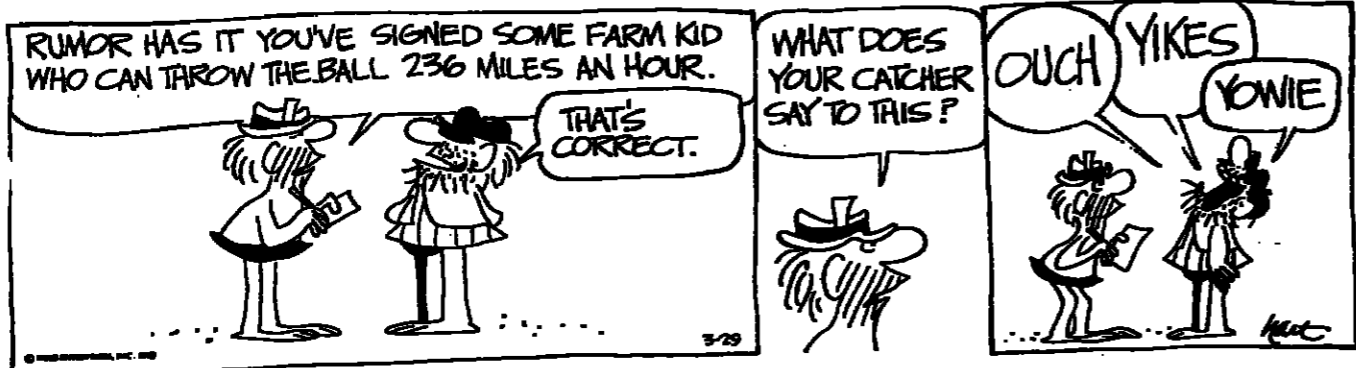
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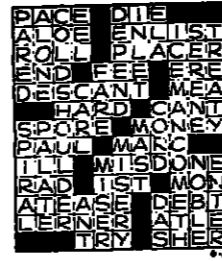
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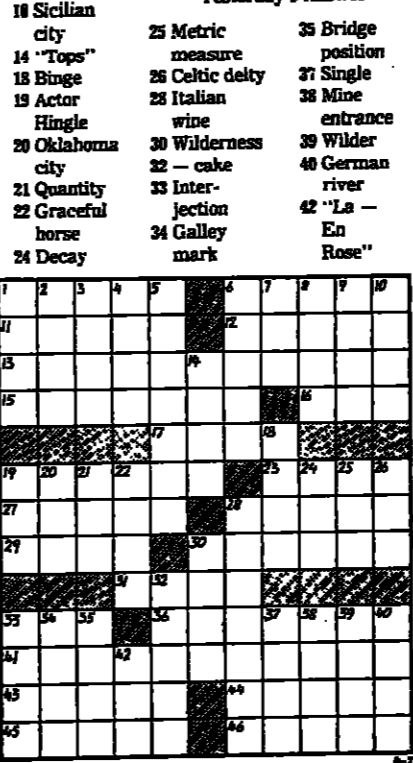
Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Southern beauty
- 6 James, the outlaw
- 11 Turn of phrase
- 13 Tired out
- 15 Complete flop
- 16 Undertake
- 18 Guido's note
- 17 Premed study: abbr.
- 19 Windsor, e.g.
- 20 Spoken
- 21 Idiotize
- 22 Melba or Roger
- 23 See you later
- 24 Cake to be
- 25 Obscure
- 26 Suffix with lemon
- 28 Relieve
- 30 Clumsy; cruel
- 31 Girl's name
- 32 Frankie of song
- 33 Measuring device
- 34 Change DOWN
- 35 Ill humor
- 36 Earl of Avon
- 37 "South Pacific" girl
- 38 Mining find
- 39 Hug
- 40 De la Roche's "Whitecoats of ..."
- 41 Building wing
- 42 gin
- 43 Irish clan
- 44 Sicilian city
- 45 "Tops"
- 46 Binge
- 47 Actor
- 48 Hingle
- 49 Oklahoma city
- 50 Quantity
- 51 Graceful
- 52 "La - En Rose"
- 53 Metric measure
- 54 Celtic deity
- 55 Italian
- 56 wine
- 57 Wilderness
- 58 cake
- 59 Interjection
- 60 Gallery mark
- 61 Bridge position
- 62 Single
- 63 Mine entrance
- 64 Wilder river
- 65 German
- 66 "La - En Rose"



Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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B. Jay Becker

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1. You are West, defending against Four Spades. The bidding has gone:

South West North East

1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass

3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass

You lead the king of diamonds. East takes the king with the ace, cashes the ace of clubs, and plays the four of diamonds. South follows suit in diamonds with the deuce and then the nine. You win East's diamond return with the jack. What would you play now?

Q102
AQ2
1053
J763

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs. North leads the five of spades and you win dummy's ten with the ace after East follows low. How would you play the hand?

KJ10
AQ42
A1093
7

1. Your partner has indicated by his first three plays that the ace of clubs is a singleton. You should therefore lead a club at trick

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Monday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhahran	Assr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:47	6:07	12:28	3:52	6:43	8:13
Medina	4:43	5:58	12:29	3:57	6:46	8:16
Nejd	4:16	5:38	11:59	3:26	6:16	7:46

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show
6:30 George Kirby Show
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter
7:25 Rickford Files
8:13 NFL Football

Sesame Street: No. 1082
Nancy Wilson
Kotter For Vice Principal
Rattler's Class Of 63
Highlights: No. 12,
Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Moderate weather over most regions, with declining temperatures over the central and eastern regions. Rain clouds will gather over the southwestern highlands while surface winds will blow northeasterly over the central and eastern regions, raising dust and sands occasionally.
Sea conditions are light to moderate in the territorial waters.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	33	23	Tabuk	27	11
Jeddah	31	24	Turath	20	07
Riyadh	39	25	Arar	25	11
Dhahran	38	24	Bisha	35	18
Medina	36	20	Yanbu	33	21
Taif	33	16	Abha	28	12

SAUDI RADIO

10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Melody Makers
11:00 Youth Welfare
11:10 Music
11:15 Hot Rock
11:45 The Golden Age
12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
12:10 Music
12:15 Mood Music
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00 Close Down

Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening

VOA

P.M.
8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities;
Opinion; Analyses
8:30 News Summary
Special English:
News; Feature. The Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
0:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opinion: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine:
America; Science; Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain '978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show
Evening Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2:30 Sports International
2:40 Radio Newsweek
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
5:15 Report on Religion
6:00 Radio Newsweek
6:15 Outlook
7:00 World News
7:09 Commentary
7:15 Sherlock Holmes
7:45 World Today
8:00 World News
8:09 Books and Writers
8:30 Take One
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Midnight Transmission
12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature Notebook
1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Co-workers may not go along with you. Matters at a distance are vague or confusing, but discussions with close ones go well.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Scrutinize business dealings. An idea of a friend may be far-fetched. Bypass recreational activities that are slightly dangerous.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A family member may not take to one of your friends. All is not what it appears to be in a romantic situation. Curtail flights of fancy.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) Avoid arguments with superiors. It may be difficult to concentrate on work. Try an unusual approach to routine tasks. Be imaginative.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) Avoid arguments about money. Romance is mysterious, not yet reliable. Be careful of joint assets and gamble.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) You may be ambivalent about a business venture. Buy needed household items, but stay clear of any dubious schemes or bargains.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) The competition is not above using devious methods. Be guarded in communications, but avoid an anti-social attitude at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 21) Don't force your ideas on others and don't be careless with valuable and finances. Communications with those at a distance go well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A superior may not go along with one of your ideas. Don't let self-involvement be misinterpreted as consideration for others.

CAPRICORN (Jan. 20 to Jan. 19) Inspired ideas may come when you're alone, but don't expect ready approval from others. Avoid conversations with those at a distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) In your haste to solve a problem, you could use the wrong method. Evenness on the part of friends is your signal to be cautious.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Be businesslike with career projects. Too much personal effusiveness will work to your disadvantage. Protect valuables from loss.

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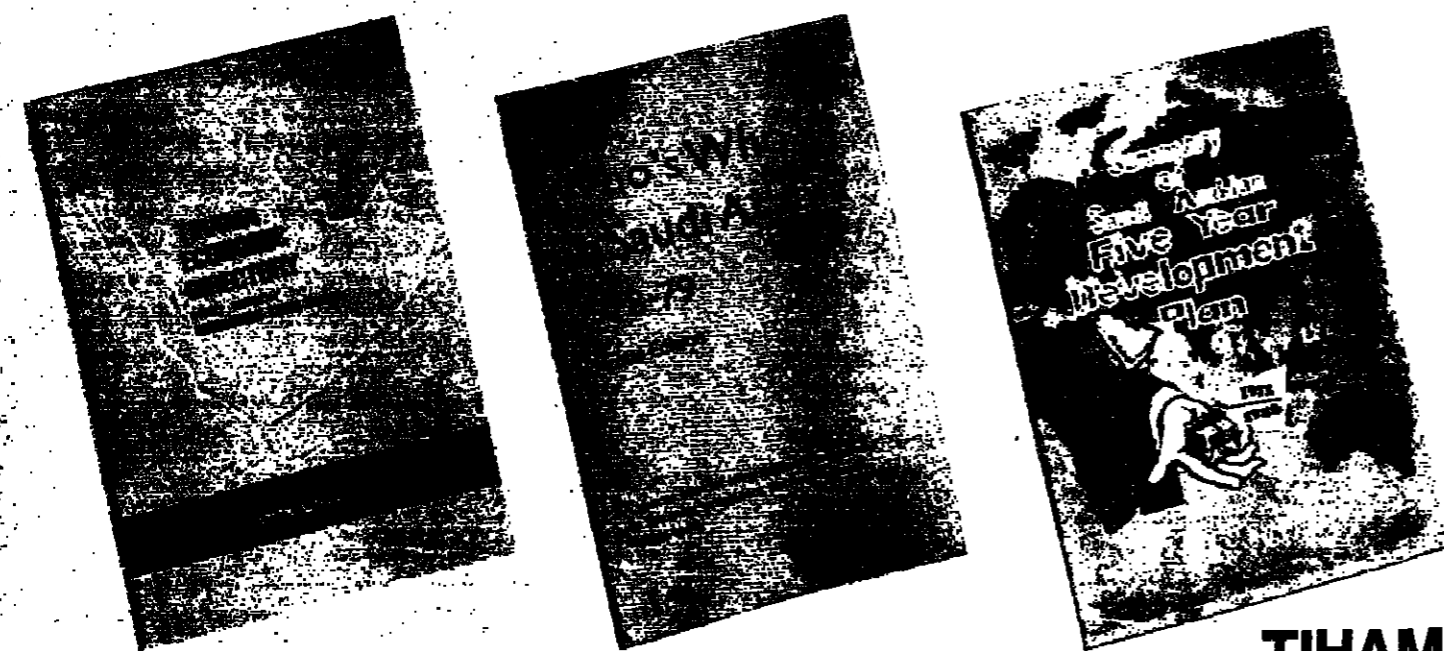
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Over 100 killed, towns ruined

Yugoslavia reels after worst-ever earthquake

BELGRADE, April 15 (AP) — A massive earthquake, possibly the worst in this nation's history, struck the Adriatic coastal region of Yugoslavia Sunday, killing at least 100 people, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

The death toll was expected to go higher. Hundreds were injured and scores of industrial plants, hospitals, ports, hotels, homes and resorts were damaged.

Also damaged and closed for traffic were roads leading to the coast, the railroad Tito-Grad-Bar line, and power, water and sewer networks in coastal towns.

Witnesses in 13 inland villages said almost all the old houses in the region were damaged. "There is not a single house that has not been damaged in one or

another way in Herceg-Novi," said Mayor Dusko Seferovic. Rumbles from the quake set buildings swaying as far away as Salonica where residents fled into the streets in panic. Tremors also were reported in parts of Hungary and Austria. There were no reports of casualties or damage outside of Yugoslavia.

Vladimir Ribaric, chief of the

Geographical Observatory in Ljubljana, said the quake registered 7.2 on the Richter scale, a reading 1.2 points higher than that of Yugoslavia's worst recorded tremor which killed more than 1,070 in the city of Skopje in 1963.

He said the 50-second quake was centered off the southern Adriatic coastal city of Dubrov-

nik. A spokesman at the Belgrade Seismological Institute said the epicenter was about 400 kilometers south of Belgrade, the capital. "Luckily the epicenter was on the seabed," Ribaric said. "This should lessen the impact."

Six bodies were recovered from rubble in the medieval coastal city of Kotor and at least 40 were injured, authorities said. Civil

guards radioed for help, appealing for ambulances, blood, and earth moving equipment. Authorities reportedly evacuated the hospital at Kotor.

Belgrade Radio said ten bodies were found in the city of Bar soon after the quake struck at 7:20 a.m. — 0620 GMT. The quake triggered a major fire in the port, the radio said.

Tanjug, said one woman was killed when her house collapsed in the coastal city of Herceg-Novi. Other victims were not immediately accounted for.

President Tito, vacationing at an Adriatic sea resort, called in his aides to assess the damage and begin organizing rescue operations, a presidential spokesman said.

Don Finley of the U.S. Geological Survey office in Golden, Colorado, said the quake "occurred in an area of frequent seismic activity, but this was one of the largest in that area in modern time."

Damage also was reported at Ulcinj, Yugoslavia's southernmost coastal town, near Albania.

Sunday's quake also sent tremors through Belgrade, the capital, 200 miles north of the Adriatic. Residents rushed into the streets but there were no reports of damage.

An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage.

The San Francisco earthquake of 1906, which occurred before the Richterscale was devised, has been estimated at 8.3 on the Richter scale.

The Kotor police ordered a ban on transportation on all the main roads in the area, except for ambulances and official teams.

Part of the pier in Kotor slid into the sea, as did a number of houses in Herceg-Novi, and part of the road into the bay. The Fjord Hotel in Kotor, the city restaurant and the police building were levelled.



IN THE MIDDLE: Victor Galindez draws back on light heavyweight champion Mike Rossman's brother Andy, at the New Orleans Superdome fight Saturday. Andy rushed in to help his brother who lost on a technical knock out. (See story page 8) (AP photo)

Scandinavians lead field for 3rd Safari Rally leg

NAIROBI, April 15 (R) — Finland's Hannu Mikkola and his Swedish crewmate Arne Hertz sped away in their works Mercedes 450SLC at the head of 30 cars as the third and final leg of the 27th Safari motor rally got under way Sunday.

Mikkola, who drove a Ford Escort to victory in the rally eight years ago, had the lowest number of penalty points at the end of the second leg early Sunday.

On 204 points, the Mercedes pair led by nine points from the local crew of Shekhar Mehta and Mike Doughty, in a works Datsun 160J. Mehta won the rally in a Datsun in 1973.

In third place was the works Fiat Abarth 131 of Italians Sandro Munari and Silvio Maiga, which began the third leg on 226 points. Behind the Italian pair were their Fiat Abarth teammates from West Germany, Walter Rohrl and Christian Gaezdorfer, who had dropped 266 points.

Following them out of the capital as cars left on the final section of the 5,000 kilometer rally was the huge Mercedes 280E of British drivers Andrew Cowan and Jonestone Syer. They had lost 270 points.

Datsun overhauled Fiat as the leading contender for the manufacturers' team prize at the end of the second leg, although the difference was only nine points. Fiat's three cars had lost 767 points to the three leading Datsuns' 758.

But after an accident on the second leg, the Fiat Abarth 131 of Walter Rohrl had a polythene plastic sheeting over it, casting doubts on Fiat's ability to bring

home all its cars. They had only three still running, including Rohrl's and all three had to finish to qualify for manufacturers' awards. Datsun still had all its five cars on the road.

The final section of the rally, covering 1,368 kilometers, around Mount Kenya and the Aberdare mountain range in the Rift Valley, is notorious for hairpin bends on slippery ground and steep edges on the roadsides. "It is the section that separates the men from the boys," an official remarked.

The works Peugeot 504 team's hopes of providing the individual winner appeared to have crumbled mid-way through the second leg when Finland's Timo Makinen pulled out with engine trouble. This followed the retirement on the first leg of last year's winner, Jean-Pierre Nicolas of France.

Makinen, who teamed up with Frenchman Jean Todt, had led at the start of the 1,697 kilometer second leg. He lost the position later to Mikkola, but still kept up with the front runners until his retirement.

Peugeot's final hopes of a rally finisher now rested on the French crew of Jean-Claude Lefebvre and Christian Delferrier, whose 504 coupe was 467 points down Sunday and in 11th position. Lefebvre partnered Nicolas to success last year.

A second works Mercedes, the 280E of Polish drivers Sobieslaw Zasada and Blazej Krupa, withdrew on the second leg after ramming a bank and sustaining extensive damage.

McGovern sees U.S. reaction to PLO threat

BEIRUT, April 15 (R) — U.S. Senator George McGovern was quoted Sunday as saying Washington would be forced to hit back at the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) if it carried out threats to attack U.S. interests.

Interviewed in the English-language Beirut weekly "Monday Morning," McGovern was asked what U.S. reaction would be if the PLO attacked U.S. interests in the Middle East and elsewhere.

"We would have to reply," McGovern was quoted as answering.

"We cannot permit American interests to be affronted militarily without some response."

McGovern also said Washington's relations with Saudi Arabia had been strained by last month's Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

"They (the Saudis) are reacting more critically than we had anticipated. The relations are not as good as one would hope," he said.

In a separate interview, former U.S. Undersecretary of State George Ball was quoted as saying: "If there were a threat of external aggression to the oil supplies, then the U.S. would have to seriously consider some kind of direct action. But I don't see that as a serious possibility."

Asked about the PLO's threat to attack American interests he was quoted as replying: "I cannot believe they would be well advised to do these things. It would strengthen the position of Israel in American public opinion."

Haddad rejects U.N. talks

METULIAH, Israel, April 15 (R) — The commander of rightist militias in South Lebanon, Maj. Saad Haddad, Sunday rejected an invitation to a meeting with United Nations commanders amid growing tension over plans to send a Lebanese force to take control of the volatile south.

The rightists have long resisted such attempts, saying that a Syrian-sponsored element which would endanger their security.

Rightist forces in the area have been put on a high state of alert before the scheduled arrival of the Lebanese government troops.

Maj. Haddad's aides said Syrian troops serving with the Arab Deterrent Force shelled the Rightist southern suburb of Beirut Sunday using tanks, machineguns and other weapons, the right wing Falangist radio reported.

"There is no accurate information yet on the extent of casualties inflicted by the sudden shelling."



PRISONER: Tanzanian troops guard a wounded man, who claimed to be one of Idi Amin's troops, near Kampala Saturday. The man is wounded in the back (See story page one.) (AP photo)

Police teargas services for slain S. Africa black

JOHANNESBURG, April 15 (AP) — Police disrupted a graveside service for an executed black activist, firing tear gas at his mother and other family members and friends, the "Sunday Johannesburg Post" reported.

The service was for Solomon Mahlangu, a 23-year old student whose execution made him a martyr to blacks and drew protests from world leaders.

South African authorities called him a terrorist and a murderer, who had been given training in guerrilla camps in Angola.

The "Post" said the Saturday incident began when police arrived at the Ateridgeville Cemetery as mourners began to pray, ordering them to disperse within 10 minutes.

Quoting Mahlangu's mother, Martha, the paper said that as Mrs. Mahlangu, a washerwoman, and other mourners began to leave in a panic, police started firing tear gas.

The "Post" which circulates mostly among blacks, quoted her as saying: "I was badly affected by the fumes and had to be helped out of the gate to a waiting car."

A few hours later, she con-

tinued, police vans arrived at her home and ordered 59 students who were eating a post-service lunch on her lawn to leave within 10 minutes. She said police said only seven family members could remain.

She said panic ensued with the students racing out of the yard and police wielding truncheons in hot pursuit.

The "Post" said that despite repeated attempts it was unable to get police comment on the incident.

Mahlangu was involved in a shooting incident in a garage in June of 1977 in which two whites were killed. Police said he had not done the shooting himself, but was equally guilty as the man who had, identified as Monday Modoung suffered brain damage in a beating following the incident and was ruled unfit to stand trial. A third person charged in the incident, Lucky Mahlangu, no relation, escaped.

Solomon Mahlangu was one of thousands of students who fled South Africa after racial unrest in 1976 to undergo guerrilla training in Angola.

Thousands flee

Volcano erupts in Caribbean

KINGSTON, St. Vincent, April 15 (R) — A violent eruption convulsed St. Vincent's Soufriere Volcano Saturday and Sunday and sent stones raining down on this Caribbean island.

A mushroom of black smoke and ashes darkened the sun after the volcano erupted just before midday Saturday. The eruptions continued Sunday.

The state-run Radio St. Vincent had earlier ordered people who were still in the northern half of the island to head for the beaches, where boats were waiting to take them to safety.

Premier Milton Cato Saturday said steam shot 7,000 meters into the air and the situation "is ominous". The premier of this British possession also said steam was seeping from the ground at Chateaubelair Island, on the northeast coast of St. Vincent.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter and C-130 transport plane from Puerto Rico made reconnaissance flights over the seething crater and crewmen reported two streams of lava flowing down the peak's sides. Intense heat and clouds of ashes and smoke restricted the flights and visibility, a spokesman in Puerto Rico said. The Coast Guard aircraft arrived in St. Vincent early Saturday to assess damages and search the volcano's slopes for persons who might have been trapped, the spokesman said.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said in London that Britain had provided \$20,000 to St. Vincent authorities to buy "urgently needed supplies," and that it is considering participation in an evacuation of the island if that becomes necessary.

Cato mobilized government and privately owned vehicles and

boats to aid in the evacuation and called up the island's doctors and police to man emergency stations.

An estimated 10,000 residents have fled to relief centers. Authorities said about 17,000 persons live in a 16-kilometer-wide danger zone at the foot of the 1,300-meter mountain, which came to life without warning Friday morning.

French group wins ban on nuclear plants

PARIS, April 15 (AP) — French environmentalists have won a court order to temporarily halt work on four nuclear reactors south of Paris, on the grounds that they might pollute subterranean water supplies.

The plaintiffs claimed in court that Electricite de France, the national power company building the reactors, had failed to carry out an adequate study of the power plants' impact on the environment.

The case was brought before a court in Orleans, 88 kilometers from here, by a group of environmental activists, farmers, municipalities and private individuals.

The court ruled against the project after a government representative testified that the power company indeed had failed to fulfill all its administrative obligations before beginning construction.

Complete control

Borg takes Gerulaitis in straight sets

MONTE CARLO, April 15 (AP) — Sweden's Bjorn Borg won a \$175,000 world championship tennis tournament on Sunday, defeating Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

The top-seeded Borg hit superb form in the warm sunshine at the Monte Carlo Country Club and third-seeded Gerulaitis had few opportunities of breaking the Swede's control of the match, which lasted 1 hour 41 minutes.

Borg's heavy top spin was the key factor in the rallies and Gerulaitis could not produce any

sustained counter-attack. After staying level over the first four games, Gerulaitis was unable to stop Borg taking almost complete control.

The second set showed Borg at his best with Gerulaitis winning only one serve and losing three service games. In the third set Borg led 4-0 but lost his own serve. At 5-2 Gerulaitis saved a match point on his own serve, but another match point in the next game left Borg the winner.

Borg earned \$30,000 in prize

money, and Gerulaitis \$15,000. Borg has now captured two successive titles on the WCT having won in Rotterdam last Sunday.

The Monte Carlo tournament was the seventh of eight qualifying tournaments for the WCT finals in Dallas May 1-6.

John McEnroe of the United States, Borg, Gerulaitis and Jimmy Connors of the United States occupy the first four places in the qualifying list for Dallas. The last qualifying tournament begins Monday in Houston.

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Commandos

dan would not have known about this," the army radio quoted Eytan as replying.

Almost a decade ago, when Palestinians had large armed forces in Jordan, there were numerous attacks launched from Jordan and Israeli retaliation was common. But in 1970 and 1971 King Hussein drove most of the Palestinians out, and since then a relative quiet has reigned on the frontier between Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

In Beirut a Palestinian leader called on Arab states Saturday to permit commandos to use their territory as a springboard for operations against Israel and

urged tougher measures against Egypt for signing its peace treaty with the Israelis.

Salah Khalaf, second in command to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in the Fatah group, also said "the Palestinian revolution is determined to step up its military and diplomatic struggle against the Zionist enemy."

Wafa, said that Khalaf, speaking at a commando graduation ceremony, "called for allowing Palestinian commandos to set out for occupied Palestine across Arab fronts," a reference to restrictions on cross-border Palestinian attacks by Syria and Jordan.

Arrest

ence. "What has happened is a good example of the irresponsible manner in which some committees and some people who claim to be guarding of the revolution act."

"The prime minister has always complained about this kind of behavior of the committee in his speeches."

Amir-Entezam added that the Taleghani incident was being investigated by the revolutionary council, which has jurisdiction

over Islamic committees and revolutionary courts.

In another development, the ministry of economic affairs and finance said Sunday that Iranians would be called on to calculate the amount of taxes they owe to the government by themselves, and deposit the amount into the ministry's bank account.

The announcement said all taxes to be paid by businessmen, companies, salaried employees and on inheritance, will no longer be figured out by the ministry. Instead, Iranians have to calculate their own tax owed to the government "with full reliance on their conscience" and deposit it in the designated bank account.

Britain

to be a major technical problem somewhere in Uganda but they did not know exactly what was wrong.

In a separate development Swedish newspapers Sunday said a new report from a witness apparently confirmed the killings of four Western correspondents by Ugandan soldiers loyal to Amin last week.

An unidentified official of the Ugandan Cultural Development and Community Development Agency told the West German "Stern" magazine reporter he saw a Ugandan military patrol shoot the four journalists to death in Katosi village on the day of their arrival, the newspapers said.

Iran

75-day shutdown. NIOC said the average daily production from March 21, the Iranian new year, was 3.2 million barrels per day, of which 2.7 million was exported. Production increased last week to 4 million barrels a day.

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